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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH AS SEEN BY DR. GEORGE HALL

PROSPEROUS IN MEDICAL LINES

Another Chapter in the Lee Claim Serious Illness of Dr. Keats at Little Rock, Ark.--Report of John C. Dancy.

Staff Correspondence.

A few days ago ye scribe had the pleasure of meeting and chatting with the eminent physician and surgeon, Dr. George C. Hall, of Chicago, who passed through Louisville en route home from Nashville, Montgomery, Decatur, Tuskegee and other points South.

The genial disciple of Esculapius was bubbling over with enthusiasm engendered by his trip through Dixie, and the information given by him, touching the progress of our people, both as to the accumulation of property and their improved methods of living, was of a most gratifying character. At Nashville, in conjunction with such noted surgeons as Dr. A. M. Curtis, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Daniel H. Williams, of Chicago, held several clinics and he gave a number of demonstrations in laparotomy, and its many subdivisions, at Meharry Medical School (Walden University), showing the manifold uses of surgical instruments that would have caused the fathers of the art to open their eyes in wonder. The bulk of the operations, however, were of a simple but very practical nature, such as the majority of the students would be apt to encounter almost daily in general practice. This is the kind of work that the thoughtful demonstrators have found most helpful to students, and the classes at Meharry were greatly pleased and edified by the lectures given by Dr. Hall and the associate physicians in the clinics. It was an inspiration to the young men there assembled to note the magnificent success that these surgeons had attained by steady application and business-like methods, and their very presence, aside from their instruction, more than justified the wisdom of the faculty at whose instance the visit was made. Dr. Hall was loud in his praise of Dr. George Hubbard, the affable Dean of the medical department of the school, and he was particularly impressed with the amplitude and intrinsic value of the facilities provided for the use of the students. He regards Meharry as one of the best equipped medical schools in the country, and he congratulated the citizens of Nashville and vicinity upon the advantages they enjoyed in having such a school at their door.

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At Decatur, Ala., Dr. Hall performed a number of delicate operations at Dr. Willis E. Sterrs' Cottage Home Infirmary, repeating the triumphs achieved during a former visit to this excellent sanitarium. This and other special hospitals of its kind are proving very beneficial to the colored people of the South. At Montgomery Dr. Hall worked happily in conjunction with Dr. D. C. Northcross, a leading practitioner at Alabama's capital.

The visit to Tuskegee Institute was one of the most interesting that the doctor had ever experienced, he said. He had never seen Booker Washington's massive municipal school, and the magnitude of the grounds, the substantial character of the buildings and the number of teachers and students all constituted an agreeable surprise. The hospital won his ardent approval for its admirable location, its perfect sanitary arrangements and the painstaking service of the trained nurses engaged.

In the performance of the dozen or more difficult operations he was most capably assisted by Dr. John A. Kenney, the school's resident physician, a graduate of Howard, Dr. Sterrs, of Decatur, and Dr. J. A. Darden, of Opelika. He stated that the school was fortunate in having such a brainy and resourceful medical genius as Dr. Kenney in charge of this important work, and complimented also Dr. R. H. Brooks and the trained nurses, as well as the students in the nurse-rtaining division for the faithful assistance rendered by them during his stay. Their care of the patients was conscientious and intelligent. While there Dr. Hall delivered several lectures in the chapel to the teachers and students, his observations on "Tuberculosis" being particularly noteworthy. The people of the Tuskegee community have already begun to put into practice some of the precautionary measures advised by him to check the ravages of the "white plague," which carries away so many thousands of our race every year. Speaking of the proposed Post-Graduate School for Colored Physicians, projected as an annex to the Provident Hospital, Chicago, Dr. Hall said the outlook was bright, and at each of the places visited he had received assurances of the heartiest support. Dr. Hall realizes that the most profitable scene of action for the Negro physician is the Southland, and his convictions on this point were strengthened by all he saw as he went from city to city, observing conditions and possibilities. Unquestionably Dr. Hall's range of vision, as well as his fine professional record, has been materially broadened by his tour of the South, and his early return to that section will be warmly welcomed.

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Dr. E. W. Lampton, the efficient financial secretary of the A. M. E. connection, is a man of wide influence in his native state—Mississippi. This fact was convincingly evidenced a few days ago, following the session of the Masonic Grand Lodge, which met at Greenville, Dr. Lampton's home town. The country has heard of the Negro who shot his wife, and when the police went to arrest him got his gun and did such lively shooting that when the smoke cleared away it was found that he had shot two officers, two other white men and a white boy—five persons in all—after which he was landed in jail. Usually, when a Negro shoots one white man, no matter what the provocation, it is the signal for a lynching bee, but when the record rolls up five whites, a massacre of innocent and guilty might be reasonably expected in Mississippi. As soon as the circumstance was brought to the attention of Dr. Lampton, as the acknowledged spokesman of his people, he took the matter up at once with the most influential white men of the city, with a view of preventing any untoward demonstration against the innocent Negroes of Greenville and vicinity. Dr. Lampton saw that the black man who had perpetrated the "rough house" was in jail, and then begged the mayor, chief of police, chairman of the common council and others to see that the city was not disgraced by the excesses of a mob. He asked that the criminal be punished according to law, and that the innocent be adequately protected. Dr. Lampton was politely and firmly assured that his wishes would be complied with and was delegated to inform his people that they might be at ease; that they might go about as usual in the transaction of their business and that no innocent person would be molested. Dr. Lampton was due to return to Washington that day, but instead he remained in Greenville and was kept busy in consultation and answering the telephone, clarifying the situation and advising the colored people, as a measure of safety, to remain at home wherever it was possible to do so, and to be careful to do or say nothing that would disturb the serenity of the populace or provoke trouble of any kind between the races. He was further assured that none but the guilty man would be punished and that the law was amply able to guarantee the prisoner a fair trial; that, above all, there would be no lynching. It goes without saying that Greenville, the State of Mississippi or any other community, where the mob spirit is not far from the surface, is fortunate to have as one of its citizens a leader so sagacious, level-headed and influential with both his own and the best whites, as Dr. Lampton showed himself to be in the trying emergency, where a single misstep might have been fatal to hundreds of colored men, women and children. It also goes without the saying that the great A. M. E. church will not fail to grasp its golden opportunity to elect this splendid man to the Bench of Bishops. His inexhaustible energy and matchless executive ability would add immeasurably to the effectiveness of Methodism's Episcopal Board.

The Lee claim had another chapter added to it by the United Senate a few days ago. The bill making appropriation to pay the legal representatives of the estate of Samuel Lee, deceased, namely, Samuel Lee, Anna Lee-Andrews, Clarence Lee, Robert Lee, Harry A. Lee and Philip Lee, heirs at law, in full for any claim for pay and allowances made by reason of the election of said Lee to the 47th Congress and his services therein, came up and Senator McCumber asked that there be taken from the table an amendment to the measure, proposing that there be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the Washington Loan and Trust Company of Washington, D. C., administrator of the estate of Samuel Lee, deceased, the sum of $10,482.80, the same being in full for the claim hereinbefore lodged. Settlement of the matter was deferred, however, for at the suggestion of Senator Aldrich the bill "went over." Vice President Fairbanks ruled that, under objection, the bill would go over, without jrejudice. The friends of the measure all over the country, as well as the Lee heirs themselves, are extremely anxious to have the matter brought to a close at this session of Congress.

Mr. C. W. Keatts, of Little Rock, Ark., National Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars of America, is critically ill. He has been confined to his home for four or five months, and word from National Grand Scribe John E. Bush informs us that he is not getting any better. Mr. Keatts' host of friends throughout the land are hopeful, nevertheless, of a favorable turn in his malady, which may place him on his feet once more. Mr. Keatts is not only one of Arkansas' most enterprising citizens, but is one of the best men the race has produced anywhere. We can ill afford to lose so useful a force in the uplift of our people.

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So a colored man does not get the San Domingo mission after all. When the post was separated from Hayti and raised to the dignity of having a minister of its own, Thomas C. Day was appointed to fill the office, but it was tacitly understood in some quarters that the appointment would last only until the pending revolutions should be terminated, after which a competent colored man would be named for the place. Several of our leading diplomats and would-be diplomats have been mentioned in connection with the assignment, among them being Dr. James E. Shepard, Prof. R. T. Greener, J. C. Napier and Albert S. White, the last-named of Kentucky. The agony was ended the other day when the President sent in the name of Fenton R. McCreery, of Michigan, to be minister resident and consul general to Santo Domingo.

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The annual report of John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, makes a fine showing for the office and for the prosperity of the district. Mr. Dancy says that five years ago, during the year ending December 31, 1901, there were filed for record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds 15,279 papers, exclusive of incorporations, while during the present calendar year it is estimated that the number will reach if not exceed 21,350, an increase in five years of more than 6,000 papers. With the increase of business during the past five years there has been a corresponding increase in the balances turned into the treasury after paying expenses of administration. For instance, at the close of the year 1901, the balance turned into the treasury was $191.98; 1902, $774.91; 1903, $1,033.81; 1904, $3,037.64; 1905, $6,184.90; and 1906, $8,615.03, while that for the current fiscal year, at the present rate of increase, will reach not less than $10,000. The balance turned in last year was the largest in the history of the office. Mr. Dancy asks authority to have recopied the old and dilapidated records, some that have been in use for 114 years, and that a cashier at $1,000 per annum be allowed. During the busy seasons he has been obliged to employ additional help to assist the comparer, and the clerical force in other respects should be materially enlarged. From this record-breaking exhibit, it is evident that Mr. Dancy's administration has been brilliant to the last degree.

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In this connection, an increase in the allowance of the copyists might also be urged. For many years the persons who actually copy the deeds releases, etc., into the big books have been paid by the piece, one-third of the amount charged for the papers going to the copyist. In these times, when real estate transactions are more numerous than ever before, these people are doing better than of yore, but suppose we say there are twenty-six copyists in the office, one coming in for a "bundle" on each of the working days of the month. Say that the number of papers filed for record each day averages 90, which is a liberal estimate. If the charge for the papers averages $1 each, the copyist has to his or her credit for the month's work the munificent sum of $30. Formerly a copyist often did well to realize $15 to $20 per month. Considering that these persons are ladies and gentlemen of culture and education, compelled to keep up a respectable appearance, required under the new rules to pass a civil service examination, and are usually burdened with family responsibilities, this amount is wholly inadequate. It is difficult to set an exact per cent. of the receipts that the office could stand and break even on expenses, but it does seem that it would be perfectly feasible for the Recorder to fix the salary at a definite figure—say $50 per month—and arrange to work the force continuously, instead of the coming in and going out basis, according as one may be due a "bundle," now in vogue. In our opinion, this straight salary, though small, would be preferable to the piece system, under which the amounts earned are still smaller and dependent upon luck whether they touch the barely

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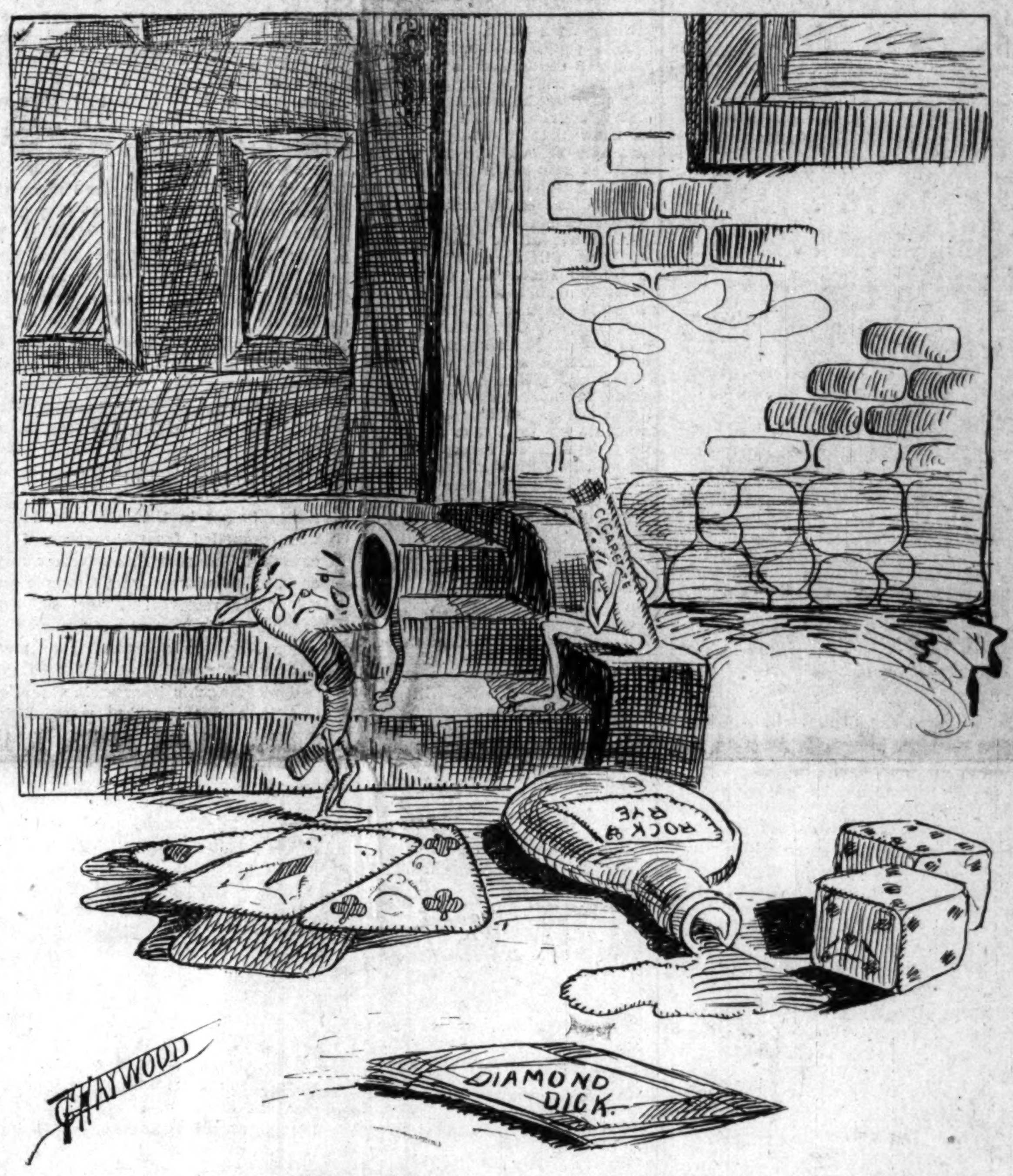

But For How Long?

PRESIDENT AND THE NEGRO

JUST A FEW FACTS ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS

INTERESTING CURRENT EVENTS

The Message of the President--His Attitude Toward the Negro Discussed---Dr. Graham at Home at Franklin.

You all—most of you—know me. I wish I could say what is in my heart, but here I am in Kentucky. I had to leave Georgia on account of this pen. I want to stay here. I like it here very much, so I will pray as I write.

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Three prominent features in the President's message, that part of it that deals with lynching and the Negrow, show the animus in his heart toward the race, viz.: His charge against the Negro as being guilty of rape; his charge against the race as being guilty of harboring criminals, and his pointing out the kind of education that is suited to the uplifting of the race. For instance, the President says "the greatest cause of lynching is the perpetration by black men of the horrible crime of rape." The President lost his head and forgot the simplest rudiments of philosophy when he made that remark, for in the next breath he said "two-thirds of all the lynchings that occur are not for rape at all." In the light of common reason, how can these two statements harmonize? If rape is the greatest cause for lynchings, why does not the cause produce parallel effects? No, the President knows, as does every other sane man, that lynching, the greatest crime of the centuries (more than 2,000 men and women and children put to death at the bar of this awful court within the last twenty years) is dragging this country down to dishonor and shame. And, under the guise of guarding the home against invasion of black men, he attempts to justify this awful taking of human life. But justice, though apparently asleep, is not dead. On this same subject the "impetuous one" quotes the words of Bishop Galloway, Gov. Jelks and ex-Gov. Candler, then refers to the Atlanta riot and tries to cover it over by alluding that rape caused this trouble. Nothing is farther from being true. Every badger in Georgia knows, and, if they are afraid to say so, that during the whole reign of terror preceding, during and after the riot all this cry of "assault," "rape," etc., was bosh; all knew that politics, pure and simple, was the cause of the whole trouble. No, President Roosevelt has been smarting under disappointment ever since he failed to come out of the Spanish-American war with no record, and that the Negro soldiers plucked the palm for courage and bravery. He and his band of wealthy "rough riders," seeing these "sable sons" of the land coming away crowned with glory, have sought every opportunity to disgrace the whole race. His ancestral Southern blood coursing in his veins, and believing that the entire race was given over to being led by cajoling, etc., he attempts to sell the whole race for a mess of pottage—the "B. T." dinner. Then he tenaciously sticks to Dr. Crum until his name becomes nauseating to the nation—all this to draw the Negro en masse up to him, so he could deal such death-like blows as the one at Brownsville, Tex., and the one in this wonderfully (?) constructed document called "Message to Congress."

Again, he refers to my people as being shielders and barborers of crime and criminals. We are not as pure as the seraphic beings that sweep with wings of fire around God's altar. Our garments may be somewhat spotted with the filth of earth, since we dwell here among men and mortals, but I venture the assertion that if his most excellent majesty would not allow us a fair chance to come out in open day and compare notes with the great and lordly white man of this country on that score. Who is it that has chased, shot, skinned, disjointed, burned, hung and drowned in open day and in the dead of night thousands of human beings right in the face of law and in view of the church

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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

THE BLACK MAN'S PLAINT.

I.

De good things gwine
  A-sailin' ter de sky,
An' we ain't got wings,
  An' we dunno how ter fly!
Oh, good Lawd, lissen
  Ter de po' man's cry,
Fer Trouble got him comin' and
  a-gwine!

II.

De 'possum eye is open,
  De turkey roostin' high,
He mighty fat an' sassy—
  But I 'blege ter pass him by;
I'd never git a featner
  Ef a feather wuz ter fly—
Trouble got me comin' an' a-gwine!
—FRANK STANTON.

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Money talks in a language which the dullest can understand.

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Chicago Negroes are "hot stuff." They gave Br'er Tillman a "run for his money."

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Senator Foraker's record shows that he is eligible to fight in the heavy-weight class.

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We hope the esteemed Mrs. Keeler of Chicago is well pleased with herself. No one else is.

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Nevertheless and notwithstanding, Gamecock Tillman left Chicago minus quite a bunch of tail feathers.

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For reasons of a purely personal nature Senator Tillman will not lecture in Cleveland, O., this season.

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It is a sixteen-to-one shot that Dr. Charles E. Bentley of Chicago owns no stock in the Chicago Broad-Axe.

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Jeff. Davis II, in the United States Senate, is not any improvement on the original "Jeff." of "secesh" fame.

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The friends of the gallant 25th will see to it that Senator Foraker does not turn out to be a "Joseph forgotten."

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It's a poor school that is presided over by a teacher who was appointed simply because she "needed the money."

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Too often the well-to-do Negro appears in the role of a beggar when he might advantageously assume the role of giver.

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Julius F. Taylor, editor of the Chicago Broad-Axe, demonstrated to the satisfaction—or sorrow—of Benjamin Ryan Tillman that he is "a warm member."

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Vice President Fairbanks made quite a stack of hay while the sun shone in Florida. Secretary King was on hand, as usual, with his circulating tablet.

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There are people who hunt you up only when they want you to do something for them. You will go blind and your hair will turn gray before you find an individual looking you up to do something for you.

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The race makes a grievous error when it fails to support an unmuzzled press. We ought to see to it that our best men are kept at the editorial helm, free from worry as to the permanence of their meal-ticket.

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The colored citizen will never be seriously considered as a factor in the body politic until he ceases to extend his "mitt" for charity on every conceivable occasion. There are purposes for which self-help is the only effective help.

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One would judge from Prof. R. T. Greener's scathing denunciation of the discharge of the Negro soldiers and his bitter excoriation of Ben Tillman that the scholarly New Yorker is no longer connected with the diplomatic service of the United States.

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It was "rale kind" of Senators Tillman and Bailey to let Mr. Moody be confirmed without trouble as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, especially when they realize that they are likely to have a "run-in" with him a little later on—if they don't mend their evil ways.

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True merit is seldom obliged to call attention to itself by strenuous advertising. Just as the poorest selling articles require the hardest pushing, so the social pretenders are compelled to give the biggest dinners and order the showiest raiment to attract even passing attention.

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A Missouri man claims to have on his farm the greatest jackass in the world. Maybe he can "show us," but the boast is a dangerous one to make until he has scouted around and taken the measure of a certain jackleg sky-pilot in Baltimore, who imagines he is in the race for an African bishopric. He knows who he is.

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The fellow who insists upon dubbing them "Mrs. Bishop" Jones, "Mrs. Dr." Brown and "Mrs. Judge" Green—merely because their respective husbands happen to wear those titles—still manages to break into the society columns of some of our reputable newspapers. Why not give "Mrs. Hod-Carrier" Smith and "Mrs. Janitor" Jones a show for their white alley?

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A competent dramatic critic gives it out as his honest opinion that with study and proper encouragement Lucretia Lawson Knox, the newest luminary of Ernest Hogan's "Rufus Rastus" Company, has in her the making of a second Edna May, whom she is said to greatly resemble, both in personal beauty and chic mannerisms, but with decidedly superior singing voice to her credit.

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The trouble between Billy Nolan and "Tex" Rickard over the Gans-Nelson fight pictures has been amicably adjusted. Hereafter Rickard will control the pictures in America, while Nolan will exhibit them in England and other foreign countries. We shall all be glad to get rid of Nolan. As a manager he is a bluffer of the 33rd degree and a piker of the most reprehensible type.

Race Gleanings

December is the month for Southern Presbyterians to make offerings for colored evangelization.

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Miss Georgia Lattimore, teacher in domestic science, Central High School, has been raised to $60 per month.

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C. F. Taylor, a Negro chauffeur of New York, has been engaged to drive Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont in an automobile over Europe.

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The cause of industrial education continues to gain substantial ground. By the will of the late Mrs. Lucretia J. Tilton, Tuskegee Institute receives a legacy of $20,000.

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S. Coleridge-Taylor, the noted English composer, and Mr. Harry T. Burleigh, New York's favorite vocalist, are booked for an early appearance at the New Pekin Theater, Chicago.

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Rev. G. Washington Gladden, chaplain of the 24th Infantry, now stationed in the Philippines, is at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., on a furlough. He returned to bury his wife.

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Miss Mamie E. Wiggins, of New York city, a talented young Afro-American lady, is a stenographer at the Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N. Y., securing her position through a civil service examination.

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Under the call of Bishop J. W. Smith, president, and Bishop Alexander Walters, secretary, the Board of Bishops of the A. M. E. Zion church will meet at Charlotte, N. C., the third Wednesday in January, 1907.

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James G. Carter, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, recently appointed consul to Sivas, Turkey, had no more than reached his post of duty when he was promoted to thhe consulship at Tamatave, Madagascar, with a salary of $2,500.00.

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Col. A. N. Johnson, of Mobile, Ala., has sold the Weekly Press, of which he had been editor and proprietor for many years, and retired from business. Failing health is given as the cause for his retirement from business. The purchasers of the Press are C. W. Allen and Edgar Harney.

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Miss Harriet Calla Chapman has been appointed as a stenographer in the New York State Library at Albany. The head stenographer for the library, Miss H. Alfareta Chapman, is also an Afro-American, making two of the race employed at this line of work in that branch of the state service.

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The colored citizens of Brooklyn, N. Y., are making a strenuous effort to prevent the performance of "The Clansman," which is scheduled for an early engagement in that city. They have the sympathetic co-operation of the borough president, Bird S. Coler, who is vigorously opposed to the race hatred propaganda of Tom Dixon and his malodorous tribe.

Tea leaves are invaluable as a means of cleaning varnished paint. When sufficient have been laid aside, they should be placed in a tin basin full of water and soaked for half an hour. The tea, when strained, should be used instead of soap and water to clean the varnish.

A rug sometimes becomes badly creased. To remedy this turn it upside down and wet the crease with a moistened broom until the rug is quite wet. Stretch the rug tight and let it remain over night after tacking it with tinned tacks, which do not rust.

WASHINGTON MAKES APPEAL

SHOULD USE EARNINGS TO BETTER ADVANTAGE.

DESIRES A GOOD SCHOOL FUND

Says We Must Keep Constantly Before The Race The Importance of Educating Our People Everywhere.

There are certain matters of vital interest to the masses of our people in the South, especially at the present time, when they are getting money from the year's crops, which I wish, through the medium of your paper, to call to their attention. If these matters are not called to the attention of our people now while they have money in hand, it will be too late for them to secure any benefit from the suggestions herein outlined. In many cases, during the months of November and December our people receive and spend thousands of dollars. In many cases this money is worse than thrown away. My object in writing thus directly and frankly to our people is to help lead them to spend their money in a way that will be of permanent benefit to the entire race.

I know that there are many other elements in our present condition that very much conecrn us, and rightly so, but we can succeed in no line of endeavor, materially, educationally, morally, religiously or in civil life, unless the fundamentals exist. Eighty-five per cent. of our people in the lower part of the South reside in the country districts. An examination will show that in many cases while the public schools are in session in the cities and larger towns from six to nine months in the year, in the country districts, in many cases, our people have not adequate school facilities. If we fail to educate our children there will be no hope for us in any line of endeavor. We must keep constantly before the race the importance of educating the masses of our young people. Compartively few can go to the large colleges, universities and industrial schools. If the average boy and girl does not receive education in the country public schools he will suffer. At any cost our leaders should see to it that every cent of money is secured from the public school authorities that can be secured. If enough cannot be secured to make the public school what it should be, our people should go into their own pockets and tax themselves in order to supplement the work of the public school to the extent that every school shall be in session at least six or eight months out of every year. In many cases at present in the country districts the public school is in session only three or five months. This means almost nothing in the way of educating the entire race. We will go backward at this rate instead of forward. It is not enough to complain that we do not receive our rightful share of the public school fund. Wherever this is true we should make complaint and secure, as far as possible, whatever is due us, but at the same time if we do not receive what is due us, we should not let our children grow up in ignorance. We will never be forgiven for such neglect if this is permitted. Not only is it important that the school term in every community be extended to six or eight months, but it is equally important that every community have a good, comfortable school house. In many cases the schools that our children are being taught in are wrecks of log cabins, broken down, uncomfortable houses that are not fit for a cow to live in. The school houses in many of the country districts are a disgrace and our leaders in these communities should see to it that our people are encouraged to come together and erect good, decent, comfortable school houses.

Another element in the situation that often hinders the progress of the public school is that we let the denominational spirit enter into the public school education of the children. There should be no place in the public school system for this spirit. The teacher is not expected to teach the Baptist, Methodist or Presbyterian doctrine. The harm of denominational contention is often shown in the fact that in many communities there will be a Baptist school, a Zion Methodist school and an African Methodist school, and each with a teacher of its own denomination. This means three poor schools that ought to be united in one first-class school where the question of denomination would not enter.

We must have a great forward movement among our people in every part of the South in the matter of public school education for our people, and we depend upon the minister, the teacher and the parents to take the lead in this respect.

I know many communities where school farms have been cultivated by parents, teachers and children, so that the school term might be extended to six or eight months. If communities have not the cash with which to extend the school term, they can raise cotton or some other crop to answer the same purpose.

Ignorance always invites injustice. Ignorance, in the last analysis, means inefficiency and crime. Ignorance strikes at the very heart of the race.

Some interests of the race may perhaps be postponed, but in the matter of educating our children, it is now or never. We are to decide now whether we shall have an ignorant generation or an intelligent one.

In addressing this letter to the Negro people of the South, I cannot omit one other suggestion. I believe that nearly every community in the South will be greatly helped if the ministers would resume the habit which existed some years ago of inviting their white brother ministers to preach as often as possible in Negro pulpits. In this way the leaders of the white people would come into contact with the progress of our people, come into contact with the best element of our people, and we would let the white people see the progress we are making, and they would also come into contact with our needs, and since the interests of the two races are so deeply connected, this kind of co-operation would go far in maintaining peace, happiness and justice in every community. I should advise that not only the white ministers be invited to speak from our pulpits, but whenever it is thought wise, some of the leading public men who are either municipal, county or state officers, should be invited to come among our people and deliver addresses, so that they, too, may note the progress the race is making. At the same time they can hear from us what our needs and conditions are.

Nothing is ever gained by getting discouraged, by sitting down, crying or whining. The race, like an individual, that succeeds is the race that is determined never to become discouraged, but is constantly going forward in making material, educational, moral and religious progress.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., December 10, 1906.

MAKES TWO GREAT SPEECHES

BOOKER WASHINGTON TALKS TO CROWDS AT ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., December 10th.

The efforts toward reconstruction going on in Atlanta among both blacks and whites received an impetus yesterday when Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, was in the city on the special invitation and delivered two addresses under the auspices of the leaders among colored people who are doing what they can to perfect plans which shall mean the betterment of conditions as they affect the races in this metropolis of the South. In somewhat detailed plan these efforts will be set forth in the public print at an early date. Dr. Washington's visit here was to pledge the interest of the colored people in the movement to secure their earnest co-operation. His principal address was delivered at the Friendship Baptist church, of which the Rev. E. R. Carter is pastor. Every foot of space was taken and nearly a thousand people on the outside clamored so earnestly to get in that Dr. Washington was compelled from the steps of the church to address this overflow audience. The address on the whole was splendidly received. After he had concluded his remarks, former Governor Northern addressed the meeting, endorsing all that had been said and pledging his interest in the effort and in everything that would bring about results being sought by the Civic League and Industrial Union, recently organized associations for the restoration and furtherance of friendly relations between the races. In the evening another large audience gathered at the First Congregational church, of which Rev. H. H. Proctor is pastor. A great many of the white citizens of the town attended this meeting and cordially approved Dr. Washington's address. Perhaps the mast striking part of what he had to say at Rev. Carter's church was the following:

"An element that kept the two races from co-operating has been the constant threat of Negro domination. I am in constant touch with all classes of my people, North and South, and I do not hesitate to say that the Negro has no ambition to mingle socially with the white race, neither has he any ambition to dominate the white men in political matters. What the Negro is interested in, far beyond any social intermingling, far beyond the matter of racial or political domination, is that individually he and his family shall receive justice. The scare of social equality, the scare of possible racial domination, have kept many white people in the South from helping the Negro, and the fear on the part of the Negro that he will not receive fair play has kept the Negro leaders in doubt."

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Who was responsible for the put-up job that forced Lieut. Henry Ossian Flipper out of the army in disgrace twenty years ago—an outrage so indefensible that our present fair-minded Secretary of War felt called upon to have him restored?

Washington, D. C., (Special).—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of William H. Hunt, of New York, lately Consul of Class 8 at Tamatave, Madagascar, to be Consul of the United States of Class 8 at St. Etienne, France, a decided promotion. Mr. Hunt is the first Afro-American to serve as consul at this point.

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DANVILLE, ILL.

The Colored Woman's Aid Club is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mrs. Richard Robinson, and and Mrs. Wich shrdl shrdlupupupup its membership is increasing.—Mr. and Mrs. Wichliffe Smith are in their new home on Harmon avenue.—The Ladies' Sewing Circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. Robert Bass, last Thursday. Quite an enjoyable evening was spent. They are planing for a swell reception Christmas.—Mr. and Mrs. William Parsons are located at 211½ Lahr street for the winter.—Mrs Lulu Williams, Mrs. Robert Wisdom, Mrs. Laura Scott, Mrs. Clara Watkins, Mrs. Georgia Posey and Mrs. James Williams are all on the sick list.—Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes are the proud parents of a baby boy.—The marriage of Miss Orvra Bee Haden and Mr. Lorenza Buffett will be celebrated next week.—Mrs. Laura Scott of Lahr street, will entertain guests from Terre Haute, during the holidays.—Our popular groceryman, Robert Riley, was robbed of $37 last week.—Harvey Bass, of Hamilton, O., and Chester Bass, of Brazil, Ind., will be the guest of their mother, Mrs. Richard Robinson, Christmas.—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed, of Lahr street, is very sick.—Fred Huffman has left for the West.—Miss Maril Dotson, of Indianapolis, will be the guest of Mrs. Jennie Williams, of Vanburen street.—Mrs. Millie Marshall left the city for Chicago, where she will reside in the future.—The churches are progressing nicely and are preparing for a big event Christmas.—Miss Josie Richie and Miss Maggie Avery will entertain guests from Terre Haute next week.—Mrs. William Green will entertain the Colored Woman's Aid Club Friday afternoon.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN

The P. B. Associations will give an oyster fete, Wednesday, December 26, at the new Masonic Temple in honor of the famous Billy Kersaud's company. Committee on Arrangements—J. P. Steele, Wm. Moore, Sam Slaughter, Frank Ramsey, Alex Warfield. Doormen—D. White and Austen Young. Wm. Payton, Jr., President; Flem Slaughter, Vice-President; Wm. Moore, Secretary; G. D. White, Manager; Austen Young, Sentinel; J. P. Steele, General Manager and Treasurer.—The city is now on a boom, and prospects are bright. The tobacco factories are all on a boom and the colored people are having all the work they are looking for at present.—The P. B. Association's banquet was a successful affair. They will give a banquet in honor of Billy Kersaud and members on the 26th, after the show.—Mr. Ben Doakee was injured at the American snff factory on the 8th, but he is getting all right again.—Charlie Long was severely injured on the 8th by a falling elevator at the new American building.—Charles Cobb, our popular tailor, will spend the holidays in Louisville, Ky.—Jas Hamilton, of Nashville, Tenn., was in the city on the 9th visiting his mother.

ROCHESTEP, N. Y.

On Wednesday night of last week, the Christian Endeavor met at the home of Rev. J. W. Brown, 103 Saledonia avenue. Much business was transacted and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. Payne; Vice-President, Mrs. B. N. Simmons; Secretary, Miss Mary Keyes. There was a turkey supper at the residence of Rev. Brown, Thursday of last week given by the Frances E. Harper Club, Mrs. Jennie Myers, president; Mrs. Priscilla Gibbs, vice-president; Miss Mary Keyes, secretary; Miss Abbie ——— treasurer. It was a grand success.—Mrs. Jackson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Poindexter.—There will be a Sunday school entertainment Monday night at 103 Caledonia avenue. Come and see the Christmas tree standing in the hall.

BESSEIMER, ALA.

Bessemer is lively. Everybody here enjoys The Freeman. We have a weekly newspaper published here, W. B. Smith, the manager of the People's Mercantile Co., is president and Mr. W. H. Wallace, the well-know newspaper hustler, is business manager. Mr. Wallace represented the Indianapolis Freeman for ten years at his home in Eufula, Ala.—Bessemer has three colored doctors—Dr. W. H. Coleman, Dr. E. J. Gregg and Dr. J. W. Alldridge. They are kept quite busy.—Mr. A. E. Kimbrough, our popular tailor, is doing a nice business.—Mr. J. B. Loper, Mr. O. C. Clayborne, are doing a nice business.—Bessemer has a colored furniture store, dry goods store, quite a number of saloons and a baker shop, owned and controlled by colored men.—Read The Freeman and keep posted.—B. Woodward conducts a first-class barber shop on 21st street, and Will Golson conducts a first-class white barber ship.

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Mr. Bob Reed sends his best regards to all friends and professional people. Mr. Reed is proprietor of the Palace Saloon, the finest colored saloon in the South. He also has the neatest cafe in the city. His place can be found at 218 N. 18th street.—Will Outlaw has returned from a pleasant trip to his old home in Albany, Ga.—Any one desiring to subscribe for The Freeman can see W. H. Wallace. Address 2031 1st avenue, Bessemer, Ala.—The People's Drug Store, of which Dr. J. B. Kigh is proprietor, is the swellest drug store in the city.—Dr. W. L. Landerdale is the president of the great Southern home and Industrial and the People's Investment and Banking Co.—Subscribe for and Read The Freeman and keep posted on the news of the race.

OKLAHOMA CITY O. T.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Wm. M. Washington to Miss Annie Mae Woody, of Gainesville, Tex., on the 27th.—New readers of The Freeman: F. D. Roberts, Mr. Green Terrell, Rev. Porter, and others.—The Freeman can be found at Rodgers' Cleaning & Dye Shop, on East California street. Leave all orders and news there.—A. H. Henderson is able to be at work after more than two months' illness.

MADISON, IND.

At a meeting of Eurika Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M., recently, the following officers were elected: Prof. W. E. Lowndes, W. M.; T. H. Hill, S. W.; Teny Preston, J. W.; John Brown, S. D.; Saul Hicks, J. D.; Geo. Ferrowl, Tyler; Prof. A. W. Bailey, Secretary; M. Nettles, Treasurer. One of the most delightful entertainments of the season was that held at Mrs. W. F. Batties' residence, Friday evening.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

"The Antler," a new journal, published in the interest of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, is to be launched on the first of the New Year by Joseph M. Frye, a young man of fine executive talents, who will be editor and manager, with Jesse Palmer assistant manager and advertising agent, and George Shafer, exalted ruler of the local lodge, as local representative. "The Antler" is the second venture in journalism to promote the welfare of the colored Elks, the other being published at Columbus, O. There are about 250 colored Elks in Louisville, despite the ban placed upon them by the white organization, and they are thrifty business men. They are making up a handsome purse for the relief of the poor for Christmas.

Major Singleton, of Henderson, Ky., has been appointed commissioner for the Negro Development and Exposition Company of Richmond, Va., for the Kentucky exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. Cary B. Lewis will have charge of the exhibit for Louisville.

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Mrs. Mary E. Washington, the gifted grand secretary of the Kentucky Grand Lodge of Good Samaritans, gave a state dinner at her handsome home in New Albany a few evenings ago in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richardson, of St. Louis. The table was a mass of choice flowers and the menu was of the most elaborate character. Those present besides the hostess and her honored guests were: Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Rives, Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Mrs. Susan Young, Dr. A. Wakefield, Dr. C. M. Payne, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Manuel, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Meriweather, Dr. M. A. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. James, Mrs. Lila Daugherty and Miss Frankie L. Wallace.

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Dr. George C. Hall, Chicago's famous physician and surgeon, passed through the city Sunday en route home from Tuskegee, Nashville, Montgomery, Decatur and other Southern points, where he performed some delicate surgical operations. He was entertained while here by R. W. Thompson.

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The complimentary dinner tendered by Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Manuel at their East End residence in honor of Miss Hattie Fossett, of Franklin, Ind., was a notable society event. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cheatham, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Mary E. Washington and Dr. M. A. Blackburn.

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SOME RECENT EVENTS.

The complete list of the assistants named by Bishop Alexander Walters to co-operate with Director R. W. Thompson, in pushing the work of the Newspaper Bureau of the National Afro-American Council, embraces: Cary B. Lewis, Kentucky; R. Le Roy Stokes and Augustus H. Hodges (B. Square), New York; Charles Alexander, Massachusetts; Dr. M. A. Majors, Illinois; Horace D. Slatter, Mississipi; W. T. Menard, Florida, and the District of Columbia; Phil Waters, West Virginia; T. H. Malone, Georgia; W. J. Trent, North Carolina; George St. Julien Stephens, Virginia, twelve in all. They are all experienced quill-drivers, and can be depended upon to spread the name and influence of the Council wherever the product of their pens circulate, and to defend the race from the assaults of the enemy, with undoubted courage and ability. To carry on the work of the Newspaper Bureau to the best advantage, it is necessary to keep in touch with the current thought and action of the colored people in every section of the land. As there are no funds available to pay for these papers, any publisher who feels that he can place the Bureau on his complimentary list, for the good of the cause, will confer an everlasting favor upon the director, the Council and the race by sending copies of his journal or any helpful suggestion to the office of the Bureau, 51* E. Jacob street, Louisville, Ky.

The savings bank attachment to the public schools of Columbus, Ohio, is proving a monumental success. The experiment of teaching the children the art of taking care of their pennies is giving such genuine satisfaction there and in a number of other places that the school bank may become an established feature in the schools of nearly all the great cities, where the temptation to fritter away small sums is most prevalent. At Columbus, in four years, the pupils have accumulated $38,000 on 37,000 books, which makes the average deposit more than $1.00 for each child carrying a book. The authorities call attention to the fact that the poorer districts show the most surprising figures in the report, and that the Negro children are among the bank's best patrons. In the Front Street School, in the heart of the Negro section and where many foreigners attend, the savings in the eleven rooms of that building amount to more than double those of the Douglas School, in the richer residence district. The saving child grows to be the thrifty man, and we should be glad to see the bank feature in every community where there is a considerable colored population.

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next and Athens, after which he proceeds to Naples. This brings him to the 27th of May, when he addresses the World's Sunday School Convention at Rome, being the only Negro accorded a place upon the program of that great gathering. After filling this important engagement Dr. Shepard will turn his attention to Africa, for a careful study of the conditions in South Africa, and to formulate, if possible, a plan for the relief of the terrible oppression of blacks in the Congo Free State and the betterment of the agricultural and industrial conditions there and in Liberia and other sections of the west coast of the "Dark Continent." Dr. Shepard will have something to talk about when he returns to America.

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Dr. James E. Shepard, of North Carolina, whose extended trip abroad as superintendent of the field work among the Negroes, under the auspices of the International Sunday School Association, has been noted in these columns, sails from New York February 2 on the steamer Minnehaha, with Southampton and London as his objective points. His subsequent itinerary calls for visits at Paris, Marseilles, Alexandria and Cairo, Assiout, Port Said, Djibouti, Colombo, Bombay and other stations in India, Aden, Jaffa, followed by a ten days' tour of Palestine and the Holy Land; Beirut, with a seven days' tour of Syria; a call at Rhodes, Vathy and Smyrna and Dardanelles, then on to Constantinople; Piraeus

A communication received several days ago from Mr. James G. Carter, of Georgia, announced his arrival at Constantinople, en route to Sivas, Turkey, the post to which he had been assigned as United States Consul. On his way to the Turkish capital he had touched at Paris, Marseilles, Athens, Smyrna and other interesting European points. At Constantinople he found a telegram from the State Department awaiting him, notifying him of his promotion to the consulate at Tamatave, Madagascar, at $2,500 per annum, and ordering him to proceed at once to the land of the beautiful Queen Ranavola, to relieve Consul W. H. Hunt, who has been filling out the unexpired term of Judge Mifflin W. Gibbs, of Arkansas. Mr. Carter immediately took passage for Cairo, Egypt, reaching Tamatave by way of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea. The promotion raises Mr. Carter from Class 9 to Class 8, an unusual distinction for one so recently enlisted in the diplomatic service. An invitation from the new consul to pay a visit to his "legation" has been taken under advisement, as many personal matters requiring our presence in this country renders an early acceptance absolutely impossible.

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NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 15th day of Feb, 1907, the same being the ninth judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February 1907 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

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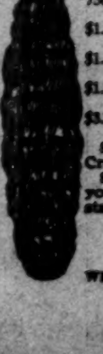

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The Brownsville Dilemma.

The unnecessary alignment of race against race is a most unfortunate development of the Brownsville episode. It forces the Negro and his friends on the defensive in a very unequal struggle and endangers the supremacy of abstract right.

The political and personal phase of the situation is likewise embarrassing. It has aroused the fighting blood in President Roosevelt, and rather than have his enemies boast that they have "brought him to bay," he will stand by his discharge order to the last ditch, and swing the entire strength of his powerful administration, as well as the instinct of Caucasian domination, to sustain him. Democrats who would not hesitate to take a fall out of the President were the soldiers in question white, find themselves unable to defend a cause which fundamentally establishes the equality of the black man in the army, and would array them on the side of Negroes as against men of their own color. The circumstances that threaten to make the incident the basis of a contest that may bear heavily upon the next Republican nomination for the presidency, offers additional complications not likely to work any good to the men who now seek to recover their lost honor.

What is, perhaps, the most thoughtful and important summary of the situation we have seen emanates from the Washington Evening Star, an independent journal of administration leanings, but conservative in dealing with all public issues and remarkably free from racial prejudices. Its utterances are always entitled to the most respectful consideration of every race and party in the land. The Star says, anent the Brownsville dilemma:

"Murderers and accessories to murder among the discharged colored soldiers deserved to be hanged. Those who were neither murderers nor accessories to murder did not deserve to be hanged, and did not deserve to be punished in any fashion. The discharge without honor of a soldier from the army, tainting him with incapacity ever again to serve the United States, whatever it may be technically, is in fact one of the severest punishments which can be inflicted. This penalty is inadequate for murderers or accessories to murder, but is intolerable when inflicted upon the innocent.

"It is the duty of the punishing power to discriminate between the guilty and the innocent. In the Brownsville case the guilt of all the discharged soldiers either as murderers or as accessories is assumed (not proven), and the only suggested escape from the sweeping verdict of guilty in the case of the individual soldier is by personal testimony which will convict somebody else. It does not suffice that proof of his own guilt is lacking, or that he swears that he is innocent of murder or of knowledge concerning the murderers. It is conceded that some of the discharged soldiers may know nothing which would be evidence against the murderers. How are these soldiers under the government's requirements to cleanse themselves of the stain of aiding and abetting murder except by committing perjury and swearing away the lives of other soldiers who may be as innocent as themselves? The government says in effect: 'I will believe you innocent of murder as principal or accomplice only if you point out the actual murderers, and I shall not believe you if you say that you do not know the murderers.'

"It is impossible to be too vigorous in denouncing actual murderers and their accomplices; it is impossible to be too cautious in convicting men of crime."

This is the whole case in a nutshell. It could not have been stated with greater clearness. The issue is far above the domain of politics, personal prestige or racial antipathy. Does not an honorable way out of the unfortunate dilemma suggest itself to the powers that be?

Why Leave Land of Our Birth?

Those of our people who hold that segregation or deportation is the only practical solution of the Negro problem will find satisfaction in the memorial sent to the United States Senate through Senator Beveridge, at the request of citizens of Deming, New Mexico, praying for the enactment of legislation providing for a home in Africa for ex-slaves and their offspring, where they shall have a free and independent government of their own. The petition is being considered by the Committee on Commerce and Labor. Just who will press the passage of the measure is not brought out in the reports that have reached us. Perhaps Bishop Holsey, the foremost advocate of segregation, or Bishop Turner, the high priest of the deportation idea, may be induced to lend a hand. It is our humble opinion, nevertheless, the sensible Negro will think a long time before he makes up his mind to leave the land of his birth—the land for which his father died, and with the history and traditions of which he is an indissoluble part.

The Negro is a purer American than 90 per cent. of those who are foremost in making the conditions that give rise to the discussion of such anomalies as segregation and deportation. All talk that suggests either the segregation or deportation of the colored American is just so much eloquence wasted. There will be, to a larger extent than ever before, the tendency to build towns of our own, and to seek homes and fortunes where the opportunities are the most abundant, and some may try their luck on the Dark Continent, but there will be nothing like a wholesale separation here or more than a sporadic exodus to Africa, Bishops Holsey and Turner to the contrary notwithstanding.

Why should the American Negro leave these hospitable shores to oblige a job-lot of incendiaries who cannot hold their own in competition with the brawny and brainy black brother and who represent nothing but the decadent blood of the effete monarchies of Europe? The worst kickers against the progress of the Negroes are the descendants of the scum of the old countries across the sea. The better classes of whites, native and foreign, are in favor of giving the Negro and everybody else an equal chance in the battle of life and fair play to the end of the game.

Reaping the Whirlwind.

The days of the Ku Klux Klan and the nights of the "Night Riders" have returned, with a vengeance in old Kentucky. The other night a mob of masked marauders took forcible possession of the town of Princeton, overpowering the police department, assuming control of the fire department and the water-works, cutting off telephonic and telegraphic communication, and then set fire to the massive tobacco works and caused a loss of over $100,000 worth of stored goods—all to get even with the trust which, they claim, do not pay a fair price to the tobacco growers for their products. The state is in a helpless condition, and the people who know the firebugs are afraid to open their their mouths, under threat of death or disaster to their property.

This is but the logical outcome of the respect for law shown heretofore toward Negroes accused of crime. An unruly people who find that they can take the law into their own hands with impunity where the rights of a Negro are involved will sooner or later do the same thing when the rights of a white man are in the balance. Whether the trust is in error or not, is beside the question. The appeal of the tobacco growers was to the law.

The people of Princeton and Kentucky have at some time sown to the wind. They have now reaped the whirlwind, as promised in Holy Writ. From the edicts of the Almighty there is no escape.

Who Shot Capt. Macklin?

WHO SHOT CAPT. MACKLIN?

It is reported that Capt. Edgar B. Macklin, of Company C, 25th Infantry, was shot a few evenings ago at Fort Reno, Oklahoma. He was seriously wounded, but the indications are that he will recover. His assailant is said to be a Negro, and the dispatches intimate—although there is nothing upon which the suspicion is based beyond random deduction—that the man was one of the colored soldiers recently discharged without honor. Capt. Macklin had been cited by the War Department to appear before a court-martial and explain the neglect of duty on the part of himself and other commissioned officers in connection with the riot at Brownsville, Tex. No Negro has ever been heard to threaten the life of Capt. Macklin, and it is not suspected that he had anything to do with the summary discharge of the enlisted men.

It is sincerely hoped that none of them had anything to do with the unfortunate affair. The discharged soldiers now enjoy the respect and sympathy of the country, and their case may yet be happily adjusted if they bear themselves in an orderly and dignified manner. They cannot retain the generous support that has been extended them, however, if descend to acts of rowdyism or reprisal. We hope it will develop that the assailant of Capt. Macklin was not a Negro, and, above all, not a member of the gallant 25th, for in either event our cause is apt to suffer in the opinion of right-loving people.

Good News for Congo State.

Prince Albert, King Leopold's nephew and ultimate successor on the throne, has been proclaimed heir apparent to the Congo Free State. This means that, whether Belgium annexes the Congo Free State or not, Prince Albert will eventually rule over the 30,000,000 Africans in the great African empire founded by his uncle.

The official announcement concerning Prince Albert and the Free State puts an end to the heated discussion which had taken place of late in the Belgian press relative to this matter.

Prince Albert probably is the least known to the general public of continental heirs apparent, and certainly is the least talked about. Just 30 years old, he is a most up-to-date and democratic man.

Though a Hohenzollern through his mother, the Countess of Flanders, his conception of what modern kingship should be would undoubtedly drive his kinsman, Emperor William, to despair.

The Prince has traveled extensively and this accounts to a certain extent for his broad-minded and liberal ideas.

Barking Back to Chandler.

There is a probability of the return to the Senate of the Hon. William E. Chandler of New Hampshire. During his former term in that body Mr. Chandler was a staunch friend of good government and an uncompromising foe of race prejudice, mob violence, jim-crow cars, ballot box frauds and did not bite his tongue when the rights of any class of citizens were up for discussion. He was a stalwart of stalwarts, and his return to the Senate would mean a resumption of the sturdy Republicanism that characterized the party in the days of Blaine, Conkling, Logan, Grant, Morton and Stevens. He is one leader who has never been cajoled by the South into the abandonment of the results of the four years of bitter warfare against the forces of secession and oppression.

Root for Chief Justice.

Secretary Root takes strong ground on the question of centralization. It is essential to the perpetuity of this government. The states' rights doctrine has come to stand for nothing but sectional bigotry, for narrowness of vision and selfish disregard of the national common weal. States' rights are rarely invoked for any other purpose than to keep the Negro down. Secretary Root's unanswerable plea for the extension of the federal power has strengthened him immeasurably with all broad-gauged Americans. Wouldn't our gifted Secretary of State fill to a queen's taste the chair of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States? It is our guess that Mr. Root will be the successor of Melville W. Fuller in our court of last resort. The logic of events point that way.

Something Doing in Congress.

Petitions and memorials of citizens of sundry places in the United States urging an investigation of the discharge of the colored companies of the United States army, without honor, by the President, have been presented in Congress as follows:

By Senator John Kean, on behalf of the citizens of Cape May, N. J.

By Senator T. M. Patterson, on behalf of the citizens of Pueblo, Colo.

By Senator J. B. Foraker, on behalf of the Constitution League, New York.

Bill to render eligible for re-enlistment the discharged soldiers of the 25th Infantry, introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Roberts of Massachusetts.

The Wisdom of St. Paul.

Even if the separation of undesirable persons from the public service is sought as a means of preserving discipline, and the right to cause such separation is the undisputed prerogative of a certain official, there are ways of getting the thing done without outraging the popular conception of fair play. Tact is the highest test of statemanship. Even so well fortified an outcast as St. Paul handed down the discreet principle that "all things that are right are not expedient."

Not long ago we were told that Negro Germans were plentiful in "Der Faderland," and later on black Irishmen were discovered, living contentedly in the vicinity of Cork, who spoke a brogue rich enough to turn a New York policeman green with envy. Negro Indians, of course, are familiar. In Cuba and other islands of the West India group black Spaniards flourish like the proverbial "green bay tree," and the dusky Frenchman is to be found in the African provinces of that nation. Black Turks, Persians, Arabians, British Indians and denizens of Jeypoor are abundant, and even black Chinamen are said to exist. Now, since the anti-Semitic outrages in Kishineff and Besarabia have brought about a more extensive study of the Israelitish tribes, Negro Jews—direct descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—have made their appearance in Paris. They hail from Abyssinia, the domain of King Menelik, in the heart of Ethiopia, and are said to be proud of their ancient lineage. Are we not a truly cosmopolitan people¼

The colored voters around Boston do not stand for any nonsense in politicians, and a man must keep his promises if he would receive their continued support. In Cambridge they defeated one Thurston for mayor because he was credited with saying that he would not appoint a "nigger" to office, and elected Walter C. Wardwell, whose campaign for the nomination was inaugurated by the colored leaders of the city. Mr. Wardwell won by a plurality of only 500, showing that the colored vote, aided by disaffected Democrats, elected him. It is said that he will give the Negro handsome recognition. It behooves the black man to stand by his friends, wherever he can find them, and keep the enemy out of power, no matter what party label he sails under.

It requires genuine courage to remain in the South and fight the good fight for racial betterment. Any "tin soldier" in our army can march around John Brown's fort at Harper's Ferry to the tune of "John Brown's Body," talk eloquently about dying for the cause and indulge in as many mock heroics as the star performer in a cheap melodrama, and then scurry off in wild alarm to neutral soil at the first scent of danger, leaving their comrades in the heart of the enemy's country to save themselves as best they can. The truly courageous man stands his ground.

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania has presented a petition in Congress from the colored citizens of Pittsburg, asking for the passage of a law providing for the substitution of the term "Ethiopian" for Negro in all government documents. If anybody in the Smoky City wants to call himself an Ethiopian in preference to Negro, we see no valid objection, but when he asks that a whole race be known by so narrow a title he will have to learn to "don't." The petition is decently interred in some Senate committee, where it will never be heard of again.

Reduction of representation will not secure for us the suffrage guaranteed by the 15th amendment. Punishment for denial of the right is not properly in order until the general government frankly admits that it cannot enforce its own Constitution, then it will be time enough to surrender all hope of the ballot, and insist that the penalty for disobedience shall be inflicted upon the states that deny us the right to vote. The South might be all too willing to accept the reduction as the price of getting rid of the Negro as a political factor.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire the other day presented a petition of sundry students of the Princeton Theological Seminary, of Princeton, N. J., praying for an investigation into the existing conditions in the Congo Free State. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Because these people are of our color and are victims of an oppression similar to that under which we are compelled to labor, the American Negro is bound to them by the common tie of sympathy and all that looks to a betterment of their condition cannot fail to interest us in a very deep degree.

There should be a closer bond of sympathy between the teachers and the parents if the children are to get the best results out of the public school system. The parents' meeting, in vogue in some localities, is one of the most effective methods by which all of the interested factors could be gotten together. Candid, heart-to-heart talks between parents and teachers, at frequent intervals, would go far to promote the mutual understanding that must lie at the root of satisfactory education.

To plain people it looks as if the Negro nad a better right to attend the same school with white in the South than the Japanese has to attend the same school with whites in California. One right rests on the Constitution, of which there is no doubt, and the other on a treaty the application of which is doubtful. The cases are entirely different in one respect. The Negro is helpless and the Japanese are capable of making a good deal of trouble.—Chicago Chronicle.

Is the white South an organized apologist for crime and will long to go on record as an objector to the prosperity of men who show antagonism to high-handed wrongdoing? A sheriff down in Georgia was defeated for re-election because he respected his oath sufficiently to resist a mob which came to his jail to lynch an unconvicted prisoner. Senator Culberson insisted upon holding up the confirmation of W. H. Moody because the latter, while a member of Congress, introduced a bill making the lynching of colored citizens a federal crime.

If a coroner's jury, sitting upon a lynching case in the South, returns a verdict that "the deceased came to his death at the hands of persons unknown to us," when as a matter of fact some of the members of the jury were participants in the mob, is that not "a conspiracy to shield criminals" of their race? If this thing of "shielding criminals," which is so common in the South, is "winked at" when white men are the perpetrators, why is it such a heinous crime when Negroes are in question?

There are some would-be "big Negroes" who brag that they never waste their time reading a Negro newspaper, yet they are the first to invoke the good offices of the despised Negro newspaper the first time things "break badly" for them in their official or school affairs. Had it not been for the influence of the Negro newspaper in the formative days of the Negro in politics, history would have recorded the names of precious few of the "big Negroes" of whom the race boasts today.

Dr. Booker T. Washington's address before the Civic League at Atlanta was a masterpiece of eloquence and logic. It was pronounced by ex-Gov. Northern of Georgia to have been the most effective speech ever delivered in the South, and expresses himself as confident that it will do a mint of good in promoting fraternal relations between the races in their common homes.

The infliction of a penalty follows a full, fair and impartial hearing of a case—never precedes it. The Brownsville matter has been handled backwards—and there is where the trouble has come in. It is not too late to rectify the embarrassing situation.

"The Horizon," with W. E. B. Du Bois, L. M. Hershan and F. H. McMurray as its sponsors, is the name of a journalistic craft that is to be launched in Washington January 5. There are indications that it will not be unfriendly to the Negro Movement.

Bishop Walters' call for a national observance of Emancipation day, January 1st, was loaded with grapeshot and canister. The way the Southern press howled showed that the ammunition hit its mark—and hit it hard.

We haven't heard anything about enlarging the scope of the federal power so as to protect the outraged Negroes of the Southern states. Surely the general government owes its own citizens as deep an obligation as it offers to the Japs!

Senator Foraker is making a great stand for right and justice in behalf of the discharged troops. Senator Scott, of Virginia plainly said had it not been for the brave soldiers of these companies, perhaps we would not have any square deal President.

It is a new thing for Negroes to be accused of "standing together." Our glaring fault heretofore has been our lack of the cohesive instinct.

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The Stage

Fred Lewis' Big Sensational Plantation is holding its own touring the South, sending them away screaming.

Bill Nash, better known as "Dusky Bill," has just closed with Hill's Black Arts and sends regards to the Coon Hollow Company.

Miss Lillian Tooley, Chicago's favorite dramatic reader, will spend the winter in Kansas City, Mo., from which base she will appear in a number of star recitals.

W. W. Cheatham, the grand European waiter of Indianapolis, was mentioned very highly Sunday by a grand old man, better known as Mr. Grayson. He is the leader in Clarksburg W. Va., in business.

The marvelous Pettitts are with the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" company and are going big with their magic act. Their routine of tricks is well placed, featuring the great trunk mystery. Regards to all friends.

Monsieur Deccottens, author of the review of the Folres Bergere, France, who also produced the review at the Coliseum, London, has collaborated with Billy McClain to assist him in producing the review at Paris.

Madam Lemuel Du Bois, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., known as the "Black Calve," is reported to have died at her home early in December. As the most popular concert singer of the A. M. E. Zion church connection she has often starred in the East.

Archer & Lemonier, music publishers, have moved their office to 51 West 28th street and have started in with a rush to do business. Their catalogue is unique, in that all the songs they are offering are well liked by the profession and will shortly be heard all over the country.

Chas. J. Parker, of Lexington, Ky., the star comedian and stage manager at the Foster Pleasure Garden, has closed a successful season of eight months. Mr. Parker will take the management of the Blue Grass Theatorum and wishes to hear from old friends on the road, especially the Tramp Juggler.

Sylvester Russell, whose Christian name is Harvey E. Russell, his older brother, William H. Russell, and his two younger sisters, Anna M. Holt, who resides in the West, and Mrs. Sadie Boyens, of New York, have fallen heir to property willed by their great-grandmother to their grandmother, valued at $5,000. Mr. Russell has instructed his lawyer in Middlesex county, N. J., to take steps to dispose of it immediately to settle with the heirs.

John Rucker, the Alabama Blossom, late star of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, is in New York and will appear in vaudeville, featuring Archer & Lemonier's latest song successes "All Wise Chickens Follow Me" and "Everybody Knows He's Gone." He is booked over the Keith circuit and opened in Syracuse the week commencing December 24th. Mr. Rucker received a hurry call Tuesday evening to open up at Keith's Union Square Theater to replace George Evans, the Honey Boy, and scored an immediate success.

The Clark Brothers—Eugene and Joe—are now located at Lexington, Ky., for two months, where they opened the Fontenac Roof Garden Christmas eve, with a company of ten members. Mrs. Gussie Clark, Miss Hulda Hicks, Miss Anna Scott, Miss Hattie Lewis, Joe Hood, of Louisville, Ky.; Robert Clark and Hattie Griffin are among them. The garden has a capacity of 700, a nice stage and splendid scenery. Eugene Clark is manager; Will French, pianist; Henry Mack, cornetist; Joe Hood, trombone player; Willie Lee, trap drummer.

The opening by Mr. J. Ed. Green of the Pekin Theater to allow amateurs as well as professionals to use any of the well tried out pieces to play is a new department and should be encouraged, especially by the many musical and dramatic clubs in this country, and they should now be ready to drop the old plays, such as "East Lynne" and others of that type. There are clubs that have talent to play some of his many plays better than some of the bad road companies that are barn-storming through the country. Mr. Green believes that by letting out some of his manuscript of his plays the public will find more young and undeveloped talent each time, of which the stage is very much in need. He also believes that the public wants comedy to make it laugh and not tragedy to make it cry.

WITH ROBBINS BROS'. CIRCUS.

Chas. A. Birch sends regards to Ted Redman, C. Mills and Buck Smith.

Ed. Wood sends regards to Boots Stevenson, M. Ford, S. Lemons and W. T. Howard.

L. Washburn has left the show and gone in advance. He sends regards to Skip Farrell and other friends.

How one half of the world lives the other half don't know, but this is a great life with the Robbins Bros'. show.

J. W. White sends regards to W. T. Howard, Sam Lemons, C. Mills and Ted Redman and would like to hear from them.

G. H. Booth was appointed as president at Apalachicola, Fla., December 25, 1906. He sends regards to J. Bryant, Ellis T. Jackson, P. G. Lowery and Sallie Lee.

Ed. Wood was appointed vice president at Apalachicola, Fla. He is making very good success. We have named our band the "Don't Worry Club" for the Christmas holidays at Apalachicola.

Wm. H. Mayfield is still traveling through the South with Lunford Davis' band and sends regards to all friends. The boys are all feeling good and so is Mr. Mayfield, and if this whole season is a success you can't tell how good I'll feel.

H. L. Rawles was secretary for the Xmas dinner at Apalachicola, Fla. He sends regards to P. G. Lowery, Sallie Lee, J. J. Smith, H. Q. Clark, Wm. Powell Walter and other friends and would like to hear from them soon.

Our managers are pleased with the success they have had in the South, and F. A. Robbins, Chas. Robbins and F. J. Murphy gave an outing for the show at Apalachicola, Fla., December 25, 1906. We wish all shows a happy New Year and a successful season.

Lunford Davis and his band are still meeting with good success in the South. He sends regards to P. G. Lowery, Walter Brister, Ted Redman, E. L. J. Banks and other friends and would be glad to hear from them at any time.

THE GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

Richards & Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels, the oldest organization of its kind now before the public, having been upon the road for more than thirty years, made their initial bow to a Eureka audience at the Ingomar theater last night. Notwithstanding the inclement weather they were greeted by an audience that taxed the capacity of the house.

The olio is the strongest ever seen with a similar organization in Eureka. F. W. Simpson, the excellent bandmaster of the organization, gave two trombone solos that were greatly enjoyed. He was followed by Arthur Prince, a hoop controller and juggler. This performer's juggling was of the simplest variety, but he is a past master with the hoops.

Frank Kirke, the musical acrobat, who manufactures all his own instruments, has a most original and refreshing act.

One of the most pleasing acts, a dancing novelty, does not appear upon the program. Christian and Johnson do a novel stunt upon skates, but by far the best number in the olio is Marsh Cisig, billed as the Human Enigma. This youngster's act is a marvel. The performance concluded with a laughable skit entitled "When Jim Jackson Came to Town," in which Clarence Powell appeared as the chief fun maker.—The Humboldt Times, Eureka, Cal.

Henderson Smith, manager of Fourteen Black Hussars, writes from Glasgow, Scotland, December 9, 1906: "Just a line to let you know of the successful opening of the Fourteen Black Hussars in Scotland. We opened December 5 to S. R. O. and at once jumped into prominence. We are an added attraction for Karno's Christmas Pantomime of 300 people. On our opening night we took the house by storm. I received a telegram from our own Billy McClain, wishing me success. All I regret is leaving America so soon with the act and not making a tour of the West, so that our Western friends could have seen the act, for this act is certainly away from the general colored acts. We shall not return for at least two years, but in the meantime I come back to bring over Lasky, Rolfe & Co., Picanninnies, which are now in preparation. I hear Johnson and Dean, Rastus and Banks and Billy McClain are doing fine. Wishing you and Freeman, also my many friends, a merry Christmas, I am

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The Southern Shines are meeting with much success. E. L. and J. L. Fields and W. W. Misham are among those who are making good.

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A Rabbit's Foot Company: Live Oak, Fla., Dec. 31; High Springs, Jan. 1; Donnellon, 2.

Funny Folks Comedy: Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 31; Monticello, Fla., Jan. 1; Quincy, 2; Tallahassee, 3; Donnelion, 4.

Black Patti Troubadours: Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 31; Wilmington, Jan. 1; Charleston, S. C., 2; Savannah, Ga., 3; Waycross, 4; Jacksonville, Fla., 5.

Nashville Students: Middletown, Pa., Jan. 1; Columbia, 2; York, 3; Spring Grove, 4.

Dandy Dixie Minstrels under direction of Voelckel & Nolan: Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 31; Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1; Bluefield, 2; Roanoke, 3; Bristol, Tenn., 4; Greenville, 5.

S. H. Dudley in the Smart Set; Topeka, Kas., Dec. 31; Iola, Jan. 1; Ft. Scott, 2; Pittsburg, 3; Joplin Mo., 4; Sedalia, 5.

The Two Jolly Prices; Bijou Theater, Mt. Vernon, Ill., week of Dec. 31.

Three Speller Musical Bumpers: Family Theater, Scranton, Pa., week of Dec. 31.

Harry Brown, Singing Cartoonist: Main Street Theater, Peoria, Ill., week of Dec. 31.

Jones & Raymond: Orpheum Theater, Mansfield, O., week of Dec. 31.

Ernest Hogan in Rufus Rastus: Boston, Mass., Dec. 31 to Jan. 5.

Tea leaves are invaluable as a means of cleaning varnished paint. When sufficient have been laid aside, they should be placed in a tin basin full of water and soaked for half an hour. The tea, when strained, should be used instead of soap and water to clean the varnish.

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NATIONAL NEGRO FAIR.

Officers and Members of Metropolitan Church Hold Interesting Meeting.

The officers and members of Metropolitan A. M. E. church at Mobile, Ala., Rev. H. N. Newsome, D. D., Ph. D., pastor, met and organized for the purpose of holding a national Negro fair in Mobile during the month of October, 1907. Officers are as follows: Rev. H. N. Newsome, D. D., Ph. D., president and general manager; Bishop L. J. Coppin, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., first vice president; Rev. R. D. Brooks, D. D., presiding elder of the Mobile district, second vice president; Rev. J. W. Walker, D. D., pastor of Bethel church, Mobile,bile, third vice president. All officers of the church are directors. A. J. Sager, treasurer; J. A. Culpepper, assistant treasurer; D. G. Valentine, secretary; A. H. Jackson, assistant secretary. The entire Negro race will be called upon to take a part and have on exhibition creditable productions of every class by Negroes since Emancipation. At least fifty more officers will be elected throughout America.

THE COUNCILL-DAVENPORT WEDDING.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Dr. William L. Councill, son of Prof. W. H. Councill, president of Normal A. and M. College, of this state, and one of the best known physicians and druggists of this city, was united in marriage with Miss Otis Cecile Davenport November 28, at the Shiloh Baptist church. The affair was the most notable society event that has transpired in this city in years. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. H. C. Davenport and is popular in religious, social and educational circles. A post-nuptial reception was tendered the happy couple at Normal by Prof. Councill. Dr. and Mrs. Councill are now at home to their friends at 1512 Seventh street.

The Rev. D. A. Jenkins, president of the Jenkins Orphanage and Reformatory, Charleston, S. C., was tendered a reception by his home citizens, the occasion being his second return from Europe, where he visited England, Scotland, Wales and France in behalf of the institutions of which he is the founder. The principal addresses of welcome were delivered by Mr. T. L. Grant, county chairman of the Republican party, and Hon. W. D. Crum, collector of port, the former in behalf of the Orphanage and Charleston Messenger, the latter in behalf of the citizens. The musical numbers, which were rendered by the best local talent, were of exceptional interest.

The Dunbar Literary Society, an auxiliary of the Calvary Baptist church of Salt Lake City, Utah, has prevailed upon the free public library board of that city to place The Freeman, the Colored American Magazine and the Boston Guardian on the subscription list of the public library.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGraw, of Shreveport, La., are spending several weeks with friends at Monroe.

THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

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existing point. Mr. Dancy is no respecter of persons and has the interest of the humblest employee as deeply at heart as the highest, and when he can get to this reform he will doubtless do the best he can for the beggarly-paid copyists in his bureau.

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Ye scribe is indebted to Vice President Fairbanks for daily issues of the Congressional Record, for which favor he has our thanks.

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Bert Williams, the elongated comedian, knows more things in heaven and earth than stage craft and how to put "rags" together so catchily that everybody will whistle themselves half to death before they can get enough of them. The big fellow is an expert marksman, and besides hitting the bull's-eye at a hundred yards without turning a hair or losing a word in the general conversation, he can descant most learnedly for hours at a time on the laws that govern projectiles, the effect of atmospheric currents on the discharged ball and the scientific phenomena that have to do with firearms, from a Winchester or Krag-Jorgensen rifle to a Gatling gun. He is inspector of rifle practice, attached to the Eighth Infantry, Illinois National Guard, and is entitled to the rank of captain. At all of the annual encampments of the regiment he is a notable figure. His excellent work at a recent meeting of the Guard at Springfield won many complimentary expressions from Governor Deneen and staff, ex-Governor Yates and others conversant with the fine points of target practice. At Sea Girt, N. J., where the crack rifle teams of the country gather every year, using targets of every description, stationary and movable, Capt. Williams has made some records that have excited the wonder of some of the best marksmen of America and Europe, not least among them being Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill). It is particularly noticeable that the "snide" theatrical managers who have a habit of filching the profits of leading colored comedians, play mighty shy when they get into a deal with the Williams and Walker aggregation. The reason is obvious. Capt. Williams is very fond of the State of Illinois, although he is a native of Nassau, New Providence, a dependency of King Edward VII, and is the owner of a handsome family residence in Chicago. At the latest declaration of dividends Capt. Williams and partner "drew down" $34,000 as their share of the proceeds for six weeks, making over $5,000 per week for the team. If there are any knockers with hammers out for the Williams and Walker show, we would advise them to "let it alone."

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With half a chance, the stalwart, robust and hardy Negro would make his mark in professional baseball, as he has so signally done in the prize ring, on the gridiron field, and in every variety of athletics where brawn as well as brains count. The sporting public will be glad to learn that, if all goes well, the coming season will find a regularly organized baseball league in the arena, bidding for popular favor. It will be made up of some of the best known clubs of the United States and Cuba, some of which have been playing for a number of years in the East and South, and the contest will be for the championship of the American continent and the Island Republic. The entire membership of the proposed league has not yet ben made up, but among those signed up to this time are the Philadelphia Stars, the Cuban Giants, of Brooklyn, the Cuban X-Giants, of New York city, and the Cuban Stars, of Havana, Cuba. With sufficient capital behind it to insure competent playing talent, comfortable grounds, capable umpires and regular and orderly games, this venture will undoubtedly be a ready money-maker and will open another door to the aspiring Afro-American. Athletic prowess is the most potent destroyer of race prejudice in this country. Real sporting men think more of the fine points of the game itself and the actual merit of the player than they do of the color of the individuals concerned, and it may not be "chasing rainbows" to predict that when a goodly number of recognized experts in baseball are developed through this and kindred leagues a way will be made for the best of them to secure a trial with the great Caucasian leagues of the land. The white players will kick up a rumpus, of course, but the magnates who risk their money in the business want men who can win games, be they black, yellow, white or blue, and their dictum will, in the final analysis, prevail. Joe Gans, in the squared circle, isn't beloved by the managers or the fighters of the opposite race, but there is money in his muscles and skill and the desire for coin covers a multitude of sins—as far as color is concerned. The only Negro player to travel with a white league was Fleet Walker, a gentlemanly Ohioan, who was one of the most brilliant catchers of the American Association in its earlier days, and played on the Toledo team. The entire race will rally to the support of this Negro baseball league, as it does to the "top-notchers" in the theatrical world, if it will just get itself into smooth working order and play up to the professional standard —and, by all means, "tote squar'" in all its dealings with the clubs and the general public.

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THE STAGE.

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RUFUS RASTUS NOTES.

The company was tendered a banquet Dec. 12th, by Miss Mattie Phillips at her residence, 100 W. 134th street.—Miss Muriel Ringgold, a former member of this company, has recovered from a severe illness and has open time.—Mr. George Archer, proprietor and manager of "Archer's Filipino Girls," paid the company a pleasant visit, Wednesday afternoon.—Harry (Jake) Fidler sprang a new act on us Monday evening, and if it lasts as long as the old one did, Jake can retire an old man with a repertoire of two acts.—Miss Amy Smith Leslie fell and injured her eye Thursday on a trolley and will bring suit for damages.—Miss Sallie Green has purchased several new gowns prior to our Western tour.—Miss Alice Cahill Mackey took violently ill during the performance recently, but rallied under the efforts of three physicians and resumed her place in the cast.—Our friend, "Bojaugles" Robinson is such a frequent visitor that the doormen pass him without question.—Ernest Hogan has an option or some choice bookings for his air ship.—Harry Fidler has added a dog to his act.—Chas. B. Foster, our talented basso, is seriously ill at this writing.—Herbert Sutton, having defeated all comers, is now justly cyalled "The Overcoat King."—Miss Lucretia Knox has proven herself a valuable addition to this company and the leading dailies speak highly of her as an actress that can sing.—Miss Georgia Harvey is making good with her baritone solo "Kentucky Home."—Will Wilkins sends regards to Will Pierce and Bennie Jones.—Jimmie Worles did a trial turn in Philadelphia, but the lady manager refused to allow him to work the second time.—Chip Ruff, our property man, missed his pet dog, "Toby," during the performance at Bridgeport. The dog and Chip's mind were restored simultaneously.—Lester A. Walton has changed his permanent address from the Hotel Marshall.—Angie Honsley, while in New York City, is the guest of relatives.—Miss Harvey may or may not go into Vaudeville next season. She has several flattering offers, but no partner. How would Harvey and Baker sound?

Glazier's Carolinians, 1906, desire to announce, through the interesting columns of The Freeman, that their efforts as entertainers in jubilee and plantation repetoire has met with elated success. They look back, with a feeling of pride, upon a record of pleasant and critical audiences, through the States of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. The personnel of the company is as follows: Mrs. Lena H. Bryant, Soprano; Mrs. Della B. Ridgway, Contralto; Mr. Arthur N. Rhodes, Baritone; Mr. J. C. A Shaver, 2d Tenor and Manager; Mr. Clarence Busch, 1st Tenor and Pianist; Mr. Wm. O. Browne, Basso.—To "Johnson" of "Kersands' Co.—"Hurry up dar, ole man, I'se jes dien."—And also Wm. Moore, alto torpedro ballaho king. We are the two Scotts & Moore, always make good; look out, dead ones, for the three jolly good ones. Would like to hear from C. W. Be Bee and Will Dozier and friends.

MAHARA'S MINSTRELS AT PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

It was a packed house that greeted Mahara's Minstrels last evening at the Elks' Theater, and no show has given better all-around satisfaction this season. It was a year ago that this organization visited Prescott, and it returns to us strengthened with new talent and presenting entirely new features of entertainment. Of the colored aggregations that visit the coast Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels have in the past been considered the leaders, but Mahara's clever troupe is now the superior in several respects. George Taylor ranks as clever an end man as the famous Billy Kersands, and Tim Owsley, the other tambo, is an original entertainer in his line.

The choruses were strong and melodious; the olio features were exceptionally good, especially the ground and lofty tumbling.

Mahara's Minstrels may feel assured of a hearty welcome if they include Prescott on their itinerary next year.

OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

Paris, France, Nov. 26, 1906.

I finish my Paris engagement November 30, and open on Moss and Stoll, London, December 17, continuing until October. I have purchased fifteen new gowns for Madame Cordelia and five each for my girls, making a total of forty dresses, and twenty suits of clothes for my boys. My people change four times a night, and never wear the same gown the second time during the week's engagement.

I have just received a letter asking me if I would assist in producing the Drury Lane Pantomime. This is where all Klaw & Erlanger's big productions come from. It is the one place of the world for grand and gorgeous productions. My troupe is a big success. Every step I have made has been successful. Now I am turning money away. Here is a clipping about my auto and my work:

"Billy McClain, since his sojourn in Paris, has become quite an expert chauffeur. On a 40-h.p. De Dion, the other day, he created a record between Paris and Monte Carlo for touring cars. His success at the Folies Bergere is assured, while his troupe is gaining rounds of applause at the Casino de Paris."

BILLY McCLAIN.

THE KERSANDS MINSTREL.

The old ship is still sailing smoothly along, playing to excellent business at Corinth, Miss. Business was above the average. At Memphis we played to capacity for three performances. We were also tendered two very grand receptions. We never had more hospitality shown us by citizens than by citizens than by those in Memphis. They have a glowing Elks' Lodge there, second to none for its age and is a credit to the race. With such men as Robert Church and Son and a number of business men on Beale street, and their club room, we can not describe. Mr. Church is the owner of the theatre we played; also president of the bank, and Solvent Saving Trust Co., of that city—in short, a glance on Beale street at Negro enterprises would force one into the belief that the colored man is fast becoming a business factor. Our Basso foundo, Lloyd Cooper, met Mr. Wm. Thomas, an ex-minstrel of our company, at Memphis, and the loyalty shown Mr. Cooper can not be described in words, but in short, his care was even more than parental. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Bynum Band and Orchestra, the leading musical organization of the South, and is one of that musical enterprise, as he holds the fundamental position, viz.: basso profundo, in which all theoretical musicians know its importance, as any carelessness on the part of such a man would easily wreck any band, no matter how great the musicians are. The Bynum Orchestra is composed of first-class musicians. They played with Prof. Lacy's Great Band and Orchestra that is claimed by both press and public to be by far the best on the road. The New Orleans press is still commenting on Prof. Lacy's Band and Orchestra in the most glowing terms. Mr. James H. Wilson has composed a new EN "THRE" ACT, entitled "Revielle," a very beautiful march of a brilliant nature, the same was quite a musical treat to our great band and company.

WITH THE PARKER AMUSEMENT COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Rosa Scotts, with the great Parker Amusement Company No. 1, are having success and the show is doing good business through the State of Georgia. They send regards to all.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the race's favorite daughter and one of the loftiest types of Afro-American womanhood, is responsible for the cablegram sent by Secretary Taft to the President asking that the discharge order be suspended until a fuller investigation could be had. Mrs. Terrell's cultured courage and earnest eloquence in behalf of the innocent enlisted men made a profound impression upon the big War Secretary, and after hearing her for her cause he capitulated without delay. Mrs. Terrell has the fervent thanks of the Negro people everywhere for her timely intervention.

THE JANUARY MAGAZINES

Ainslee's for January has a variety of fiction that makes this magazine a welcome change from the stereotyped forms of short fiction which have become so wearisome. It is nothing startling in the case of Ainslee's, for it has manifestly been its policy for a long time to present to its readers a program each month that should give them as much novelty as possible. No one can fail to be entertained by this number.

The January issue of the People's Magazine is a special holiday number. Short stories by Eden Phillpotts, E. F. Benson, Elmore Elliott Peake, George R. Sims, Albert Kinross, and other equally well-known writers, and a complete novel by Charles Carey, the author of "The Van Suyden Sapphires," lend distinction to this special issue. Mr. Benson's story is of the ghost variety, and is one of the best ghost stories that has come to light in a long time. It is told with that breath of excitement which is so necessary to stories of the unreal—although after reading the story it is hard to say what is real and what is unreal. This is undoubtedly one of the best things that the famous author of "Dodo" has ever written, and short story readers will miss a treat if they let it go by.

The complete novel in the January Popular is by George Bronson-Howard, and is called "Adventurers Extraordinary." Its unique plot will commend it to everybody. It tells how a little company of Americans find strange adventures in the China Sea, and incidentally discover a plot aimed against the United States. The thwarting of the scheme is only achieved by a series of the most astounding adventures. Some of the other good things in The Popular are: A new kind of Christmas story, "How Christmas Came to Ocos," by Charles Steinfort Pearson; the initial story in a most remarkable series called "Strange Cases of a Medical Free-Lance," by W. B. M. Ferguson; a novelette, by Jackson B. Corbet, Jr., "Napoleon and the Trust," the scene of which is laid in Alaska; "The Gaunt Serang," the third of a series by Louis J. Vance, dealing with "O'Rourke, the Wanderer"; a capital humorous story by Harry C. Antes, written around a very funny incident in the life of "Ebenezer Brown"; "On Board the Tie-Ping," an up-to-date smuggling story by F. Walworth Brown; another complete story in the series by K. and Hesketh Prichard, called "The Fortunes of Geoff"; a humorous Western story, "Object, Matrimony,' by B. M. Bower; an ingenious detective story, "The Crime and the Clue," by Scott Campbell; and the first part of a puzling "mystery story," "Cleopatra's Necklace," by J. Kenilworth Egerton. There are serials by A. W. Marchmont and William Le Queux, and the opening instalment of a new serial by Arthur Paterson, called "A Son of the Plains." We heartily commend the January Popular to those who like well-told adventure stories.

The Christmas Tree.

(Dedicated to My Friend, R. W. Thompson.)

Heah, ole ooman! Heah is me
Dun cum wid yo' Chris'mas tree.
Heah, ole ooman! wha's yo' at?
Shake de snow offen my hat;
Stir de fiah an' let it blaze,
Winter's habin' techey ways;
Rub one ear, an' I'll rub tudder;
Patience gone an' don' keer nudder.

Lak ter miss dis Chris'mas tree;
All de rich folks dat I see
Wuz er buyin' at dey ease
All de playthings an' de trees.
Las, I bo't dis little one;
Now, our Liz kin hab sum fun:
Rich folks, dey owns all creation;
Sab de po' folks po' relation.

Met our naber cumin' 'long
Wid er tree not wuth er song;
He wuz braggin' all de while
'Bout his tree an' 'bout his chile.
You could lose his tree in dis
Jes' lak sorrer's los' in bliss;
An' de chile whut he wuz praisin'
Won' be wuth de trouble o' raisin'.

Now de tree is in its place,
Kiber up our darlin's face.
Kiber up her han's an' feet,
Don' her toes look nice an' sweet?
Musten' let her eben heah
Ob de good things whut is neah;
Is my talk er gettin' louder?
Well, I'se proud an' gettin' prouder.

B'lieve I'll take her out o' bed,
An' hol' up her sleepy haid
Ter de things upon de tree;
Co'se she'll not erwake ter see;
Cum heah, darlin'. Look up dar!
Eb'ry playthin' is er star
Shinin' down on you ter please yo'.
Sleepin' still¼ I b'lieve I'll tease yo'.

Tickle all yo' little toes,
Kiss yo' on yo' stumpy nose,
Run my fingers throo yo' haih.
Loos'in all de kinks up dar,
Rub yo' black face g'inst my own,
Till you cries: "Let me erlone."
Is you 'wake? You is an' sholy
Looks like angels whut is holy.

Eat dis candy an' dis cake;
Blow dis horn an' keep erwake;
Take hol' ob dis jumpin'-jack;
Scatter 'roun' dis little pack;
Use dis pencil an' dis slate,
Wid 'em l'arn ter calkerlate:
Kiss yo' doll an' kiss her tresses,
An' her hat an' all her dresses.

Sleep ergin? Well, I'se bin mean;
Meanes' dad yo' eber seen
Ef you dars fall out wid me,
I'se gwine rob yo' Chris'mas tree.
Gwine ter cry? Yo' teahs is sweet,
Lak de toes whut slits yo' feet;
Take dis chile, good wife, an' wrop it
Warm in bed befo' I whop it.

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CARTER ON PUNISHMENT.

"The doctrine of endless punishment for the wicked must be eliminated from the Westminster Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian church. This terrible doctrine that pictures God as a merciless Being must come to an issue. I am certain that an issue will be made of it in the Presbyterian General Assembly in the near future.

"I have preached in the Presbyterian church for forty years. For years this doctrine has appealed to me as the most inconsistent that was ever put forth by a Christian church. I cannot reconcile it with the Divine, the loving, ever pitiful character of the Master. His nature is to love, not hate. His desire is for our good, not for our ill. He yearns to aid us, not to punish us. Yet this doctrine of terror is put forth. It is dreadful."

Thus spoke the Rev. Dr. Samuel Carter, D. D., the venerable Presbyterian divine, who had just returned from Europe, in a recent sermon in New York.

This opens up a wide field of theological speculation, and it is a matter of no small interest to see how it will come out in the end. That a revision of the Presbyterian creed will eventually take place, is one of the assured happenings of the next decade, but how radical it will be no man can easily determine at this time.

BIG DAILY IN FAVOR JAPS

The Washington Evening Star, one on all matters involving the race problem, declares in favor of allowing the Japs to attend the white schools of California or other States, under the same conditions that the children of of the fairest of Caucasian journals English, German, French or Spanish parentage are allowed to attend. It thinks this country can not afford to have trouble with Japan by refusing a manifestly fair request—that their children "enjoy the full benefits of our free institutions" in common with the other favored nations of the earth. Touching the relation of the Negro problem to the equation, Editor Noyes says:

"It is no answer to say that as between whites and blacks a difference is made in many sections of America. Separate schools are maintained, and in the main they work well. The blacks themselves, when not stinted in allowances, like the arrangement. It inures to the benefit of their children, and contributes to good general relations between he two races. The black child is making progress, and everywhere expenditures for his benefit in the way of education are increasing.

"But that is a matter entirely domestic. What we have to consider in Japan's case is her demand for as good treatment for her people in this country as that we accord to immigrants from elsewhere; and since we admit her people as we do those of Europe, why should we not grant it?"

The Star, in trying to be liberal toward the Japanese, and to properly recognize the demands of the monarchs of the Orient, gets a little mixed when the local aspect of the question is injected. The Negro question is "just a little different" from anything else on earth. It is the only great problem to-day that, according to the Caucasian way of thinking, will settle itself by being let alone. The truth of the matter is, the whites of this country, with all their pretensions to fair play and love of equity, are not able to meet the problem candidly, and will not place the Negro, as an individual, on his merits as a man and citizen, apart from tradition and a sometime condition of serfdom.

The Negro, in the meantime, is working along, earning distinction and the material things of this life as best he can, and keeping his eye fixed intently upon the glass of time. "Unsettled questions have no regard for the peace of nations," and we are letting the whites carry this Japanese burden without interference or suggestion from us, leaving them to discover anew that justice and injustice will not balance in any pair of honestly graduated scales, even if sophistry and patronizing platitudes by the ton be added to the short-weight arm.

We shall see what we shall see when Secretary Metcalf returns to Washington to make his report

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The Afro-American Council is "on to its job."

Prof. J. M. Robinson, Jr., would like to hear fro mfriends.

The Freeman is a national newspaper.

Every cook should clean all her flues and remove all the soot at least once a week if she wants her range to draw properly. An oven will never heat, however big a fire is put on, if the stove is choked with soot.

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Christianity in this land is a negligible quantity, but we have "churchianity" to burn.

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The Negro question and the labor problem are running neck and neck in the race for popular attention.

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The Afro-American Council's address to the country is a strong statement of the Negro's case in equity.

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Every situation has its compensations. We have no unfortunate international marriages to worry about.

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Government supervision—not ownership—is the keynote of the reforms that are needed in the management of our railroads.

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The Negro minister is reaching that lofty eminence where he is eligible to a trial for heresy. Indeed, "we are getting more like white folks every day."

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With Fairbanks or Foraker as the republican standard-bearer in 1908, the Washington Bee would be equally happy. There are others in the same frame of mind—if not a little more so.

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Industrial education has no need to defend itself further. A decade of productive effort has more than justified its adoption in every institution in the land that has to do with the training of the children of the masses.

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As to "resistance" and "submission," of which we hear so much in the columns of certain rabid journals, let us all honestly confess that we resist when we can and submit when we must. That is the long and the short of the entire race question, North or South.

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The high-handed robbery of F. L. Barnett out of that municipal judgeship by the Chicago plug-uglies might appropriately be denominated "The Crime of 1906." His allies should cultivate long memories and keep big "snickersuee" sharpened for the gang that counted their chieftain out, and use it at the next election when it will do the most good.

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William Jay Schieffelin, of New York, who has taken a commendable interest in the welfare of the Negro, said in a recent speech: "The most disgraceful campaign ever waged in the South has just closed in Georgia. At least twenty of those killed by mobs at Atlanta and elsewhere, were victims of Hoke Smith's villainous campaign." This is the Gospel truth in a nutshell! Hoke Smith will have too many sins to answer for to have other than a scarlet administration as Governor.

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Speaking of the appearance of Ben Tillman in Chicago, Mayor Dunne—a democrat, by the way—did not, at the time, feel that he could prevent the fire-eating South Carolinian from delivering a speech, if he kept within the bounds of decency, but threw in this "hot one," as an assurance of his sympathy with the protest of the colored citizens: "A man who justifies lynching can not be a consistent believer in law." Mayor Dunne evidently thinks with his mind, and not with his prejudices.

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Rather than run the risk of throwing open a door of hope to the black man in this country, the South announces its willingness to wade up to its neck in the blood of the Japanese, the Chinese of any other people. Progress in the arts and sciences can "go hang," commerce can take to the woods, "To hell with the law," says the policy of the Southern leaders, "just so the Negro is kept in his place." And yet, the South sets up a howl that it is behind and that the national administration shows a disposition to "pass it up" as poor relation in the federal establishment. If the South could forget the Negro problem for ten years, it would not be able to recognize itself as the same charity child of to-day.

This government finds it exceedingly difficult to ride two horses going in opposite directions.

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Neighborhood gossip is to be condemned on general principles, but there is some truth in what everybody says is so.

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The intelligence of the race has started the "jackleg preacher" on a hurried march to ward the tall timber. Keep him going!

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Don't forget to celebrate Emancipation Day on the first of January in your home city. A rousing observance everywhere will show the enemy that we are very much alive on the question of our citizenship.

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We need all kinds of men for all kinds of work. There is a well-defined mission for every man, woman and child to perform, and there is a positive dignity to each in performing his duty to the best of his ability.

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The Mayors of the following cities have forbidden "The Clansman" to be played in their cities: Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.; Macon, Ga.; Philadelphia, Pa. Mobile was the first city to start off in this direction.

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The queen who presides over the kitchen range is often a more potent factor in the history of empires than she who sits upon a gilded throne. Ask the Czarina of Russia, Victoria of Spain or the Sultana of Sulu.

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Wouldn't it be a peculiar exemplification of the "irony of fate" if Secretary Metcalf's mission to California should be a failure, and in the event of trouble with the Japs the 25th Infantry should be called upon to fight against them in defense of the Stars and Stripes?

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There should be business methods in the church, just the same as there are in the counting-house. In the present immature development of the race, the minister must of necessity be the leader in the temporal as well as the spiritual affairs of the congregation, and he must know much of the practical side of life. More of our debt-ridden churches would be paid for if the preachers were better business men.

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As a result of the inspiration generated by the National Negro Business League, there is a strong movement on foot among certain capitalists of the country to organize a fire insurance company, which purposes to handle the millions of dollars of risks among the colored people of the country. Underwriting the property of the many churches, lodges and business establishments conducted by Negroes alone would bring in a tremendous annual revenue, and insure the success of such an enterprise, if placed upon an impregnable financial basis.

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The National Congress of Uniform Divorce Laws has again wrestled with the everlasting divorce problem, and we understand the President is to give it a whirl in his forthcoming message to the sure-enough Congress at Washington. Yet, after all is said and done, we dare say the divorce mill will continue to turn out its usual amount of grist in just about the same old way. Divorces, like titles, are for those who need them. One may not need them often, but when he does he needs it about as badly as a revolver is needed on certain occasions down in Texas.

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It cost a white woman $10 in real money in a Washington court not long ago for refusing to answer questions propounded by a Negro lawyer, which the justice ruled as legitimate. She paid the assessed fine rather than accept the alternate proposition of two days in jail. But she never answered the question. The woman in the case was Miss Anna P. Thomas, a member of the Humane Society of the District of Columbia. Evidently the humane operations of her organization stopped short at horses, dogs, etc., and did not include Negro lawyers or ordinary police court justices.

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Col. "Nick" Chiles, the doughty editor of the Topeka Plaindealer, has succeeded in interesting Governor Hoch and Congressman Curtis in the cause of the discharged Negro troops, and has secured from them a promise that they will take the matter up with the President, with a view of having the order rescinded. Col. Chiles has the right idea and has put it into operation without delay. Why not appeal to the Governors, Senators and Representatives in every friendly State, and ask that they use their good offices to have the innocent members of the Twenty-fifth restored to their places of honor in the army?

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The Houston Post announces its unalterable opposition to any construction of Article VI of the federal Constitution that will make local institutions subordinate to the federal authority. Under this article the treaty obligations of the United States might compel the admission of not only the Japanese children to the white schools of the several States, but Negroes who might be British subjects would also be entitled to the same privilege. Federal interference, thinks the timorous Post, would inevitably bring upon the South a train of ills which would be destructive of peace and order. Indeed! It is enough to make Ben Franklin and his comrades turn over in their graves to have it publicly asserted that the honest enforcement of the Nation's Magna Charta, in the interest of American citizens, would be "destructive of peace and order!" The fundamental law of the land strikes terror to the souls of the Southern rebels.

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The Baltimore Afro-American Ledger says:

"President Roosevelt need not worry about running for President again. His chances of election would be very slim indeed."

My, my, my! Has it indeed come to this? Things were different one brief year ago. Even the worm has turned!

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The Louisville Times habitually sneers at any exploint of the Negro race which wins the applause of the country. The other day, though, it laid aside its grouch and relaxed its frown long enough to get off a neat bit of humor. It wittily remarked:

"Maybe Andrew Carnegie gets his how it feelsfootwear from Tuskegee, so as to know how it feels to stand in Booker T. Washington's shoes."

It would be funny to see Col. Haldeman try Mr. Carnegie's experiment awhile in Louisville, and get a taste of the experience a man would have with a white man's taste and ambition, dwarfed and restricted by a black man's skin.

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Governor Hayward, of South Carolina, in making a speech at Nashville a few days ago, said that the white man will always rule the South. That seems to be the nightmare of the Southern white man that the Negro wishes to rule the South. It is his own imagination. The Negro wants fair play and equal rights, the protection as given all other American citizens. He does not wish to govern the South, but wants justice and right. If the white man could only learn that one fact it would be better for the whole South. The Negro has the greatest regard for the white man and his rights. Then let us have justice to make better citizens, lovers of country, home and the South. The Freeman speaks for all concerned. The white race cannot expect to rise by pulling the Negro down. He must lift him up and the Negro will help him.

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If anything were lacking to indicate the supreme contempt in which manly men regard the practice of "peaching" or "squealing," the experience of young Kingdon Gould at his New York college should be conclusive. He was subjected to a mild form of "hazing" by his classmates, whereupon he "squealed" to the faculty. Now ostracism, snubs and blackballs are his portion in every activity in which his erstwhile associates engage. He committed "the unpardonable sin," as college men see it, and upon him has been inflicted the worst punishment a college man can be made to suffer. But this isn't a marker to what an informer would have gotten at the hands of his comrades in arms in the 25th. God Almighty hates a "tattler" more than He does a "quitter." It is the brave man who can suffer and be still.

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Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, is made of the right kind of stuff all the way through. A speech two hours long would not have more effectually slapped Tillman in the mouth than his calm and dignified refusal to preside over the meeting at which the South Carolina firebrand was announced to speak, or to give it countenance by even so much as his presence. Chicago's manly mayor administered unto this modern Ishmael the "snub direct."

The colored people showed Mayor Dunne some of Tillman's pro-lynching harangues and mischief-making screeds—and the latter's "goose was cooked" with him. Tillman's revoked invitation to one of Roosevelt's swell dinners at the White House didn't hurt him half as bad as this cool "turn-down," because it came as a triumph for the hated Negro. Mayor Dunne, let it be understood, is for law and order, national unity and racial harmony. Tillman stands for mob violence, sectional strife and racial discord. Between them there can be nothing in common.

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Brookhaven, Miss., Aug. 13.
Gentlemen: I must confess I never tried any preparation so excellent for the hair. My hair was turning gray and was rather deadly but since I have been using your hair pomade my hair has turned black like it was when I was a girl and it has a lively, glossy color.
C. L. ROBERTS.

Colvert, Tex., Mch. 31, 1905.
I have used one bottle of your pomade and my hair is now perfectly straight, soft and black as silk. I will not be without it.
RHODA EDWARDS.

Atlanta, Ga., June 6, 1900.
Gentlemen: I have used your pomade and have found it to do more than it is recommended to do. It stops the hair from falling out and breaking off, and cleans the scalp and makes the hair soft, pliable and glossy. MAGGIE REND.

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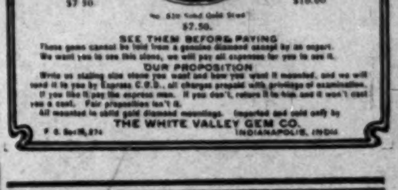

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Henry Lucas continues quite ill at his home in Blake street.

Mrs. Fred Patridge spent Christmas with her sister at Richmond.

David Harvey of St. Paul came Wednesday to attend the funeral of his brother

Rev. J. H. Bailey preached the sacramental sermon at Jones Tabernacle last Sunday.

Ed. Cable of Bangor Mich., is the guest of his brother, Geo. Cable, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Gale left Tuesday morning to spend the holidays with the latter's father in Ohio.

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Mrs. Sophia Fleming of Columbus, Ohio is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Todd.

Presiding Elder Skelton preached a special sermon Sunday to the Missionary Society at Simpson Chapel.

The Leah and Union Chapters of the Eastern Star held services at their hall last Sunday. Henry Rogan made the address.

Mrs. Carriel Wilson, of Carthage spent Christmas Day in the city, the guest of her daughters, Mesdames Allie and Nellie Gillam.

Nahum Daniel Brascher, editor The Cleveland Journal was in the city Wednesday en route from Connersville, where he spent Christmas with relatives.

Misses Daisy L. Hill and Annie L. Jones, teachers in the public schools at Montgomery, Ala., are the guests of Mrs. J. W. Norrel in North Senate Avenue.

The Emancipation Proclamation Celebration will be held at Simpson Chapel Tuesday night. Rev. M. C. B. Mason, the noted orator and educator, will make the address.

Samuel Taylor, of this city, a graduate Shortridge High School who is now a student at De Pauw, was winner by a margin of one point in the oratorical contest and will represent the school in the State Contest. Mr. Taylor represented Shortridge in a state contest and won second place.

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DEATH OF ALBERT HARVEY

The death of Albert Harvey, last Saturday caused by a shot from a clerk in David Cox's Pharmacy in North Capitol avenue is generally deplored by the community. Mr. Harvey was a member of one of the oldest and best families of the city and had a host of friends. His disposition was quiet and unassuming, and and his best quality was his thoughtfulness of others.

The funeral was held at the family home in Kenwood avenue and the services were conducted by Revs. Shaffer and Herod, and the interment at Crown Hill. Mrs. Martha Harvey, the mother of the murdered man is prostrated and her condition is quite serious.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Open meeting next Sunday. Come out and tell us what you think of the Y. M. C. A. and what it is doing, at 3:30 at the rooms.

Friday evening, January 4, will be a big night with the Musical and Literary Club. A splendid program is being prepared for the occasion. A debate open to all will be the feature, subject, Resolved That the President was justified in discharging B, C and D of the 25th Infantry without honor. George W Beasley will open the debate with the affirmative. The club holds its meetings every Friday night. The public is invited.

The Board of Directors presented the General Secretary with a turkey, etc.

PRESIDENT AND THE NEGRO

(Continued from First Page.)

houses and in the land of the Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth? Echo answers "Who?" Who is it that have congregated in mobs numbering from five to five thousand and dealt out death for every imaginable offense, from disputing a white man's word to rape? I actually know of a man being lynched in Arkansas for being accused of stealing a peck of corn meal. Now, who harbors these villains? I verily believe that in many instances the hell-born verdict that reads thus wise: "Came to his (or her) death at the hands of unknown parties," have been signed by men whose hands themselves were dripping with the blood of the victim before them.

Ah, me, Mr. President, you should call off your hounds and put them on another trail—the rabbit went the other way. The President urges that the Negro, to be respectable, must chase down criminals and turn them over into the hands of the officers of the law. Does he mean to turn the whole race into a band of busybodies? Does he mean that Negro men, when they hear of a crime being charged up against members of their race they must leave their business and go out doing the work of said officers and guardians of the law? Then, if he does, he certainly misjudges the stuff the Negro is made of and has lost sight of our ancestry and the history of Egypt.

Now if the President wants to make an honest and clear case against us along that line, why don't he make a charge on Tillman's and Vardaman's territory and urge that in the black regions, where fraud holds sway, and we are cheated out of our manhood rights, and demand that Negroes be appointed and elected peace officers? Then if he fails to discharge his duty along this line, find us guilty. He points us to the path of industrial education as the medium through which we must rise—well, while we do not despise the "shovel and the hoe," and are not adepts with "the fiddle and the bow," we have tasted of the cup of civil liberty and professional life, and as long as God gives us breath we are going to reach out our hands for a part of everything that comes this way, and nothing that a strenuous, impetuous President may say or do can stop us. Did you hear that?

President Roosevelt's attempt to disgrace the Negro in arms by his first act, and then the Negro in civil life by his second act will fall flat.

The stripes in Old Glory owe their colors in a great measure to the black man. He has stood by and defended her in times of war, and spilled his blood from Bunker Hill to Manila. The name of the American Negro is written across the pages of American history in crimson streams, and until the sun goes down to rise no more we will keep up a howl in this land for liberty and manhood rights.

The Constitution was written by patriots freed from British tyranny as much by the efforts of the black man as by any other man, numerical strength considered, and as God lives in the heavens and eternal justice prevails in the universe, things are coming right some day, and the American Negro is willing to abide, fight, and wait.

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A few words about the A. M. E. Church:

Hush up, Dr. Graham. Everybody says, "You got that home and little grocery in a manner that makes angels blush, and brings tears to a woman's eyes." Others are taking "tab." Did you hear? You must remember there are some of us who have letters that you wrote us when you were candidating for general honors in the church, and some of the contents, etc., etc., would not make nice reading. Hush! You and Dowie skidoo! I am not holy—see? But I am not afraid.

Well! Well!! Well!!! Here is my old friend, J. A. Jones, of Tennessee, another limb. He is after my place—the editorship of the Christian Recorder. A few years ago I wanted the Southern Recorder. Jones said, "Me, too." Now I want that Christian Recorder. Jones says, "Me, too." Well, one of us must be a great writer—who is it? All right, J. A., I'll vote for you if you vote for me. But I thought you were coming for the S. S. Union. Did you get "skeered" of Ira T. Bryant?

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Johnson, H. T., Parks, Conner, Lampton, Flipper and Chappell are after the "big chair." They'll get there, too. You watch. But—oh! won't McCracken of Chicago have a tussle? He wants Dr. Parks' place. But there's Rankin of Texas, Walker of Alabama, Snelson of Massachusetts, Cook of St. Louis, Hurlly of New Jersey, Moore of Florida, Dangerfield of Mississippi, Jones of Arkansas, Lowe of Arkansas and Welch of South Carolina.

Ira T. Bryant is pulling for the shore to get to Nashville. Carey of Chicago did seem to be his hardest opponent, but many are saying, "Pshaw! Carey don't want that thing!" He is having men write him up, but he is going to successfully pastor big churches until he is lifted into the bishopric. It seems now that Dr. Henderson, of Alabama, is Bryant's hardest opponent.

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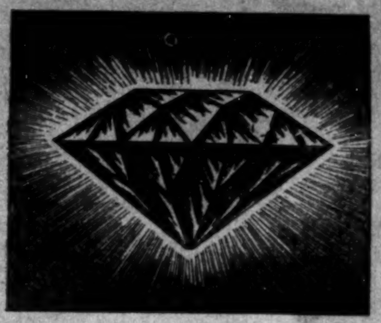

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